

ACTIVE PARTNERS TRUST

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Details

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Activities

Objects: THE COMPANY'S OBJECTS ('OBJECTS') ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:4.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR SPORT AND THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION, IN PARTICULAR BY THE CO-ORDINATION OF SPORTING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, AND/OR BY THE PROVISION OF RESEARCH AND/OR RESOURCES, AND/OR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF SPORTS.4.1.2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, COURSES, TRAINING PROGRAMMES, RESEARCH AND RESOURCES TO ENABLE, ASSIST AND ENCOURAGE THE EDUCATION OF PERSONS IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.4.1.3 THE IMPROVEMET AND PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION; AND4.1.4 THE PROMOTION, AND/OR PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR, RECREATION AND/OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID PERSONS.

Activities: By working strategically, Active Partners Trust's priorities are to: Support the inactive to become more active
Address inequalities across priority groups
Ensure those that are already engaged in physical activity in sport continue to do so

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derby City
- Derbyshire
- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,186,606	£2,069,060	£2,212,421	32
2024-03-31	£2,075,889	£2,183,701	£2,094,875	29
2023-03-31	£2,255,470	£1,901,373	£2,202,687	25
2022-03-31	£2,230,659	£2,039,902	£1,848,590	23
2021-03-31	£2,147,338	£2,280,227	£1,657,833	23

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Laughton	Chair	2020-03-12
Adam Mark Hill		2024-03-19
Christopher Andrew Hassell		2023-03-29
Dr Joanne Bishton		2025-12-09
Dr Nammunikankanange Janak Gunatilleke		2026-02-25
Fiona Jane Callaghan		2024-03-19
Garry Lee Campbell		2026-02-25
Gemma Elisabeth Poulter		2025-12-09
Graham Feek		2020-03-12
Mark Shardlow		2021-02-22
Michael David Rich		2024-03-19
Rachel Mary North		2024-03-19

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Trustees' report and financial statements
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**Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers
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Trustees	Jane Laughton, Chair (appointed 4 December 2024) Derek Higton, Chair (resigned 4 December 2024) Sarah Fowler Carol Hart Louise Bainbridge Danny Bouckley Graham Feek Mark Shardlow Christopher Hassell Fiona Callaghan Rachel North Michael Rich Adam Hill
Company registered number	10876876
Charity registered number	1180787
Registered office	Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre Saltergate Chesterfield S40 1UT
Senior Management Team	Ilana Freestone, Chief Executive Officer Stuart Batchelor, Strategic Director Derbyshire Kerryn Rhodes-Chamberlin, Strategic Director Nottinghamshire Margaret Blount, Head of Operations Michelle Skinner, Strategic Director Place
Independent auditor	Bates Weston Audit Ltd Statutory Auditors Chartered Accountants The Mills Canal Street Derby DE1 2RJ
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Trustees' report
for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are directors, for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Active Partners Trust (APT) is a company limited by guarantee, registered with Companies House on 20 July 2017. It has no share capital and the liability of each member is limited to £10. We applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity in March 2018 and confirmation was received in November 2018. Minor revisions were required to the charity's objects to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Hence APT operates under the rules of its memorandum dated 20 July 2017 and articles of association dated 29 October 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited by open advertisement and appointed based on skills and experience. Trustees cannot number less than two or more than twelve and at least 25% of trustees must be independent as defined in the Code for Sports Governance. Full details of trustee recruitment, appointment and powers are detailed in the articles of association.

Induction and training of trustees

The Chief Executive and/or Chair meet with all new trustees prior to their first board meeting. An online induction checklist is shared with them and discussed. This checklist links to all the key governing documents, policies, strategies, action plans and financial information. The annual training budget includes provision for trustees' training.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

On set up in 2017, the initial pay bands were set following a benchmarking exercise of similar roles in other Active Partnerships around the country. This information, along with the then salary scales of Derbyshire County Council and Nottingham Trent University were considered. The trustees agreed an APT Remuneration Policy on 7 May 2019. As stated in this policy, annual pay increases are not guaranteed and are not a contractual entitlement. Pay increases are considered based on an individual's performance and affordability. Proposed increases are reviewed by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the APT Board.

Organisational structure

Active Partners Trust, set up in 2017, is a single legal entity which brought together the county sports partnerships (CSPs) in Derbyshire (previously Derbyshire Sport) and Nottinghamshire (previously Sport Notts).

In Derbyshire we operate under the brand 'Active Derbyshire' and in Nottinghamshire, it is 'Active Notts'. In both counties we work with organisations and networks in the county to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The responsibility for overall policy setting and strategic insight sits with the APT Board of trustees, which meets at least four times each year.

County panels were set up in 2019/20 for both Derbyshire and Notts. The terms of reference for both county panels were revised by the board in 2023/24 to better reflect how they operate as advisory and consultative panels. Both the Active Notts panel and the Active Derbyshire panel met four times in 2024/25. APT trustees chair the panels: Active Derbyshire panel by Sarah Fowler and the Active Notts panel by Graham Feek.

The APT Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, chaired by Stephen Jackson, was set up in March 2019 to advise the trustees on finance and risk management. Its terms of reference were updated in 2022. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee met four times in 2024/25.

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The two sub-committees set up by the trustees in 2022/23 continued to meet as and when required: People and Resources Committee and Nominations Committee. In 2024/25, the People and Resources Committee met twice.

Code for Sports Governance

As APT is in receipt of more than £1m from Sport England we are required to meet Tier 3 of this code. The code was first launched in 2016 and APT was set up in 2017 to meet the code's requirements. A revised version of the code was published in December 2021 which included additional requirements particularly in relation to increasing the diversity of the board and leadership teams. The trustees embedded the required changes in 2022/23 and 2023/24 and Sport England confirmed that APT had met the requirements of the revised code in April 2024.

Operational Management

Day to day management and service delivery is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, Ilana Freestone. On 31st March 2025, APT had 37 employees (31.3 FTE). As of end of June 2025, due to retirements and team members moving on to new roles, this is now 34 employees (28.5 FTE).

During 2024/25 all new employees were appointed on an office based contract. A number of the team continue to have either home based or hybrid contracts. More of the team are now working from APT's two office bases on a regular basis hence the requirement during 2024/25 to move to larger office premises.

In April 2025 we terminated the lease of a small (three person) permanent office in Derby and a new lease was signed for a larger office (eight person) in Chesterfield in March 25, moving in mid-April 25. The six person office in Dryden Enterprise Centre, Nottingham continues to work well.

Objects and aims

Through the two brands: Active Derbyshire and Active Notts, APT aims to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The formal objectives of Active Partners Trust are:

- the advancement of amateur sport and the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the co-ordination of sporting and physical activities, and/or by the provision of research and/or resources, and/or by the provision of facilities for the playing of sports
- the advancement of the education of the public in the subject of sport and physical recreation and the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, research and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in sport and physical activity
- the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation; and
- the promotion, and/or provision of facilities for, recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said persons.

Vision, purpose, strategies and activities

Sport England launched their 10-year plan 'Uniting the Movement' in January 2021. This is a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity, with a mission to tackle deep-rooted inequalities and unlock the advantage of being active for everyone.

During 2024/25, the key focus for the team and the trustees was to work with partners towards meeting the five shared aims of 'Making our Move – Our shared vision for Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire'.

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We and other system and community partners have different roles to play to meet this vision. APT's role was detailed in our 2024/25 action plan and the team invested considerable time capturing the changes we are seeing in places, communities and systems as a result of our and partners' work. We have spent time analysing these changes and reflecting on any learning to take forward and share.

Work started during 2024/25 to refresh 'Making our Move', taking into account our capture and learning from the progress made to date. The refreshed plan will be finalised and shared in 2025/26.

APT's vision, purpose and priorities are:

Our vision is: working together we will address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

Our purpose is to connect, collaborate, influence and help create a culture where everyone can be active.

Our priorities are to:

Understand people and communities

Build our insight and learning with partners

Share insight and learning to inform decision making

Enable by

Creating opportunities

Developing people

Advocating and influencing for change in policy and practice

Creating conditions for change

Invest by

Seeking investment to support our work

Target resources to where they are most needed

Align existing resources

Public benefit

Across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, **one in four adults** and **one in three** children and young people do less activity than the recommended 60 minutes each day.

Being active helps more than just individuals. It benefits communities and wider society. It has a knock-on effect on the environment. Through physical activity:

- People become healthier, happier and more fulfilled
- Communities feel safer, inclusive and connected
- Society is more equal, with money invested and saved in the right places
- Environments are less polluted and better appreciated by communities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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What we set out to do in 2024/25 and what we achieved

Our main funder, Sport England, funds our governance, funds us to work with and influence partners in the system in our counties and funds us to deliver specific programmes. Other funders are also interested in these three strands hence this report will illustrate what we have achieved and how we have done it using these three headings.

Governance

Four new trustees were appointed March 2024 and now are now really understanding our work, their role, what they can bring to the board based on their knowledge, experience and networks.

To support them, we have brought in external expertise to help all our trustees understand systems leadership and learn about what this means for their role. We explored what good looks like for a systemic organisation and the role they can play. On the back of this, and having appointed a new Chair in December, we had a board development day in February 2025, designed as a safe space to explore this further, review the feedback from the annual board appraisal conversations and an opportunity to develop a work plan and consider how the Board wants to function going forwards.

Our Board is supportive, informed and works well, providing the right amount of trust and challenge. All trustees participate in either one of the sub-committees/panels or is a board champion for a theme e.g. environmental sustainability, safeguarding.

We continued to have a live discussion with our trustees about how best to report back to them on the range and complexity of the team's work, the changes we are seeing and impact we are having. We have a variety of methods: the CEO report, feedback from Sport England, the partners' survey, feedback from events and Talking Spaces, board discussions on work areas led by a team member etc.

A brief partners' survey was sent out between December 2024 and February 2025 and we had 80 responses from a variety of organisations we work regularly with. On a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high, in response to the questions:

- 'How well do you feel we are working together' 53% scored 5 and 32% scored 4.
- 'How happy are you with Active Notts/Active Derbyshire's contribution to addressing inactivity and inequality, 60% scored 5, 27% scored 4.

Key words that came up most in the comments included 'support,' 'partnership' and 'value.'

We were pleased with the positive feedback we received but we also spent time looking at where and how we could do better.

For 2025/26 will be introducing Goalscope as a framework for the team to record their progress against actions in the annual action plan. We are confident this will allow us to produce useful summary reports of progress, which we will continue to expand on with more detailed, nuanced narratives and examples.

We continue, with our insight partner, Press Red, to develop our use of Artificial Intelligence (AI - Claude) to draw out/summarize key themes and significant changes from the large amount of content the team capture every quarter.

Systems working - our place work

We played this systemic role in each of the 19 local authority areas across Notts and Derbyshire. We are clear and have a strong rationale for where we are focusing our energy (bespoke to each place) and we are acknowledging that this differs from place to place.

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Our place-based work continued to be embedded during the year. Wider system partners e.g. health, are aligning their place-based work and collectively, and in many areas, there is a momentum and desire to focus on the areas experiencing greatest inequality and to work in a systemic way; genuine collaboration, understanding the need for decisions and shaping of the work to be led by insight, co-designed and co-produced with people and communities thus bringing in diversity of thought. There has been a growing recognition of what this takes and the mindsets required.

We have been working through Place-Based Partnerships to embed systemic place-based work within Integrated Neighbourhood Working and we are finding that where there are partners with energy, permission and capability to work in this way, collaboration feels natural and easy. The remit of the Place Based Partnerships in Nottinghamshire and the mandate from the Integrated Care Boards (ICB) around the need for an integrated care system creates a sense of purpose that enables this way of working and collaboration. APT is seen as a valued key partner in this work, acting as a translator and convenor across systems where this work is new and unfamiliar. By being involved in this way it allows physical activity to be embedded and woven into the work as it progresses.

Our work with communities and with the system that supports those communities, takes place across both counties. This place work is funded through our Sport England System Partner funding, Sport England Place Partnership funding, local authority funding and NHS integrated neighbourhood work/funding. For APT and our places, how the work is funded is not important.

Place Partnership funding

With the opportunity to apply for Sport England Place Partnership funding over summer 2024, we actively considered how we integrate the Place Partnership programme within our wider place work. 'Making Our Move' set out a way of working that aligns closely to Sport England's Place Partnership programme and we have been working in this way since 2017. In some places our work with communities and with the system that supports those communities is more advanced than in our current Place Partnership areas of Ashfield, Derby, Erewash and Nottingham.

Considerable staff time was spent over spring and summer 2024 developing, with partners, the application for Place Partnership funding for the four areas and once confirmation of funding came through, more time was spent recruiting new a workforce in each place. All new roles were filled by December 2024 with the focus in the first quarter of 2025 on the induction of the new employees.

Systems working - How did we capture insight, lived experience and understand community needs?

All the above relies on our team and our partners capturing and sharing insight, lived experience and a shared understanding of community needs. We facilitated this in a number of ways.

Setting up and facilitating formal learning spaces e.g. the Walk Derbyshire Learning Network. These half-day sessions brought together pilot leads and consortium members, with professional scribing support to capture insights. This commitment to regular and collective reflection allowed exploration of consortium working, community engagement and sustainable approaches which informed the next stage of the work.

Walking work in High Peak is an example of ensuring resident voice reaches decision-makers. The High Peak Walk Derbyshire consortium presented community insights at New Mills Town Hall, with attendance from key stakeholders including borough councillors.

We hosted regular 'Talking Spaces' (online lunch time events for partners). During 2024/25 we organised the following:

- Putting insight into action – authentic engagement enabling genuine collaborative working (May 2024)
- Creating walkable communities (June 2024)

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- Turning strategy into movement (October 2024)
- Empowering people to create walkable communities (January 2025)
- How benefits help or hinder movement (January 2025)
- Supporting people to be active during Ramadan (January 2025)
- Active Bystanders, what this is and how we can all support people to be more active (February 2025)
- Tackling racism in communications (March 2025)

All these sessions were recorded and shared on our website so that interested people could watch or listen at a time convenient to them. The attendance numbers and the feedback from all the sessions was positive and led to new actions being taken forward.

The topics in January and February 2025 (supporting people to be active during Ramadan and tackling racism in communities) generated interest in learning more about these and how we might better support colleagues and communities. We observed that attendees for both sessions were those who wanted to learn how to be better allies and wanted to grow their confidence in being so. This was evident through some of the questions asked about how to deal with and respond to racism they had come across in their work and how they could develop their processes to deal with this. A number of attendees have gone on to create codes of conduct for their social media channels. These include partners from local community groups and organisations supporting people to be active so by creating anti racist policies, we can start to demonstrate there are safe spaces for people to be active.

During the year we started work to refresh 'Making our Move: Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire'. This started with a concentrated look across and making sense of all the learning over the last four years. This exercise has been used to update the shared priorities (goals) and re-align some of the cross-cutting themes (removing references to covid, including EDI and environmental sustainability) to ensure it is up to date. The process of undertaking a refresh of 'Making Our Move' has helped us realise the scale of the work, the broad spectrum of partners involved and the amount of learning we have.

Systems working - How did we work with system partners?

During the second half of the year, we undertook a strategic assessment of our monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) with a systems evaluation specialist. She independently reviewed our work and the MEL requirements of Place Partnership funding, system partner place work, Place Universal offer funding and local programmes/evaluation. From this, we set out an approach for 2025/26 to align all these strands of evaluation and learning. We have developed our approach to assess system maturity using a matrix and how we will develop and use theories of change to help us understand change that is taking place.

Systems Leadership training

System change takes time and involves many other organisations, working towards a shared aim and in a similar way. For some people, working in organisations we sit around tables with, in our places, system working is second nature. For others it is new. To support our partners in place, understand the need for and potential of system change, over the past two years we have invested in a systems leadership training programme, open and free to all, some sessions online, some face to face.

Our systems leadership workshops have continued to build skills and capability around systems thinking, together with partners. These sessions bring a network of people with different expertise and across different sectors together to learn from each other about systemic barriers and enablers. The process of understanding and learning together, including members of our Place team, is invaluable in building the relationships and trust needed to work in place.

In 2024/25, six open sessions were delivered online by the Leadership Centre. They were designed in a way that participants did not need to attend every session but could just select those that were of interest to them. The open sessions have engaged over 200 participants from across both Derbyshire and Notts ICBs, Public Health and local authorities. There has been less engagement through the voluntary and community sector, which is

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something we are seeking to understand better.

The development of the Active Environment Network in 2024/25 has been significant and given access to new partners across the leisure, parks, community safety, nature, voluntary sector, health, transport, planning and highways system. It has helped our and their understanding of the importance of improving the opportunities for people to journey from their own doorstep through walking, wheeling or cycling.

With the team in place early April 2024, work started in earnest in summer 2024 to develop a systems approach to walking across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. A new website has been developed, new relationships in place and the first county/city wide walking festival was organised for May 2025.

Systems working - How did we collaborate during the year?

Our work is all collaborative – it is inherent in how we operate. This is true for all our activity across the 19 local authorities and across the different parts of the system (sectors) that we work in.

In October and in response to feedback indicating a desire to connect, we held a conference for over 200 system partners, across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire who are working with us to implement 'Making Our Move: Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire'. We created a shared space for ourselves and partners to connect and an opportunity to learn from others and with others in the system across a range of themes (health, active environments, young people, working with communities). The thread running through all sessions was exploring what it takes to lead systemic work.

Health

The strength of the collaborative working with partners in health is evident. The systems leadership sessions, delivered by The Leadership Centre, have been attended by many working in the health system. Conversations during the sessions and in subsequent systems leadership informal catch ups have indicated where approaches are being used and where these are challenging or working well.

Across our two counties, health systems are in transition, with a growing emphasis on integrating physical activity into place-based health strategies. This shift has been particularly evident through the emergence of Place Alliances/ Place Based Partnerships' focus on integrated neighbourhood work and neighbourhood-level (place-based) collaboration. Through these networks and directives, we have influenced and seen evidence where physical activity is no longer viewed as a stand-alone initiative but as a core component of holistic health improvement and a contributor to the prevention agenda.

Our team, our work and our skillset and expertise in place-based working is recognised and valued in these spaces and this has opened up opportunities to embed physical activity within the work, led by health and wider system partners.

A collaborative relationship with Nottinghamshire County Public Health allowed us to influence the emerging Spatial Planning and Health Framework, with APT seen as a partner with Public Health in launching the framework.

Mid Notts Integrated Neighbourhood Working Community of Practice came about from conversations with the Place Based Partnership/transformation team about how we work more collaboratively across place. This is bringing together system partners to explore working in place to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of residents and communities with the highest levels of health inequalities. The NHS's building blocks of health framework is being used to unite and create a shared purpose within this community of practice.

In Amber Valley, Public Health provided locality funding to help progress the 'Amber Valley Move More Strategy,' which has then helped to align the ARCH PCN Health Inequalities Strategy. This has demonstrated to the clinicians the benefits and necessity of working collaboratively, with shared priorities and aims. Physical activity is embedded within these strategies and provides a mandate for action.

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These examples of collaboration highlighted a cultural shift in ways of working and that partners are increasingly recognising the value of physical activity in achieving broader health goals, with Active Notts and Active Derbyshire playing a crucial role in translating policy into practice.

Delivery

Delivery of programmes like Opening Schools Facilities and School Games complemented and helped us to undertake our systemic role. The two do not sit in isolation. Our delivery work was prioritised and aligned to the places that we are working in: communities experiencing the greatest inequalities.

Opening Schools Facilities

2024/25 was the third and final year of this DFE funded programme. 67 schools across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire received funding in this final year, including 10 special schools. Written and video case studies have been produced and shared on the Making our Move website, showing the positive impact this funding has had on the pupils and the wider community.

School Games

The School Games is committed to:

- Address local inequalities by working with young people in greatest need within schools
- Improve the physical literacy of young people through positive experiences of being active
- Embed youth engagement to enhance the principle of 'by young people, for young people'

In Notts and Derbyshire the School Games aims to be delivered on these pledges in a safe, inclusive, accessible and meaningful way. The pledges very much align with Making our Move. Through a targeted approach, informed by insight, youth consultation and collaboration, in 2024/25, the county School Games offer in Notts and Derbyshire engaged with more than 1300 young people from 120 schools.

Various multi-activity events were organised across both counties including the Girls Active events.

Girls Active

Following the recommendations in the Nottingham Trent University's evaluation of our Girls Active programme 2023/24 (academic year) and the additional investment available through Youth Sport Trust, we decided to expand and re-launch the Girls Active programme. Working closely with Youth Sport Trust and using relationships developed through Opening School Facilities, we identified five new secondary schools in Nottingham to invite onto the programme. The schools were chosen using data such as IDACHE codes, FSM, EAL and SEND data leading us to believe they have higher numbers of girls more likely to fall within the less/fairly active categories. The girls attended an introductory inspiration day in February 2025 and took part in theory and practical workshops to enable them to be ambassadors back in school. They are working with their PE teachers and peers to create a curriculum and extra-curricular offer that caters for all girls, not just the "sporty" ones. The first day that the girls helped to plan and lead for their peers took place in June 2025.

How are we becoming a better organisation?

The staff survey completed by every member of the team in May 2024 asked specific questions about culture, values, and behaviours and how these are embedded within our organisation. The results were positive and demonstrated that the team felt valued and empowered, that leadership is distributed, and that our work on values and behaviours is contributing to a supportive culture across the team. In response to the question 'Would you recommend APT as an employer, we achieved a net promoter score of 94.

The successful application to Sport England for Place Partnership funding meant that the team increased from 32 roles in April 2024 to 37 roles in March 2025. In addition to newly created roles, we also had some team members retiring or moving on to new organisations and therefore new team members joining to fill these vacancies. In total we had 12 new starters in the year. With this growing team, we had a strong focus on team

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development. All new starters, as part of their induction, have had an introductory development day focused on our culture, values and behaviours and how we collectively support these, understanding the unique and diverse contributions that we bring (different personality types). We have also had a full team development day focused on how we are navigating and managing change. What strategies we are applying. How are we maintaining resilience and what support might we need individually and collectively.

We introduced a new software system to support us in this recruitment: Applied, a platform for de-biased recruitment. This is skills focused and has served well to remove bias. To create a workforce that is more representative, we have actively sought to bring in people with lived experiences of the inequalities we are looking to address.

Our onboarding and induction processes took some time to plan and implement for the 12 new starters we have had. This did impact on the team, who all play a part in this, but the feedback from the new starters has been that it is a very welcoming and informative way to bring them up to speed on the complexity and range of our work and a good way to meet all team members in small meetings in their first three months. We will continue to improve and revise this process as required.

New Funding Awards in 2024/25

Applications submitted and new Sport England funding awarded to APT for:

- **Place Partnership: Ashfield, Derby, Erewash, Nottingham.** This is a development award of £1,219,511 from August 2024 to August 2026, to fund community engagement and to build skills and capacity of workers and residents in these four locations, to understand the barriers to being active in these places. With this understanding, the next stage will be to develop and submit a full award application to Sport England in Spring 2026, to draw down funding to address their local challenges and opportunities. The application for this development award was pulled together with a steering group in each of the 4 four places.

New funding awards from other funders are:

- **Derbyshire County Council.** This is funding for APT (Active Derbyshire) to be the strategic lead for the development of physical activity across Derbyshire. The funding award totals £3,201,181 and the Service Level Agreement is from April 2024 to March 2029. It includes capacity funding for APT to be the strategic lead in the county (£720,000) and to develop a collaborative approach to commissioning physical activity interventions. The total award amount includes £2,481,181, to be allocated to partners, through the commissioning process, to fund these interventions.
- **Nottinghamshire County Council** - £122,000 awarded from April 2024 to March 2026 to develop Walk Notts; a Nottinghamshire wide systematic approach to walking.
- Nottingham City Council - £124,000 awarded from April 2024 to March 2026 to develop Walk Notts; a Nottingham wide systematic approach to walking.
- Jigsaw Foundation awarded £11,250 from January 2025 to March 2026 to fund the appointment of a part time coordinator to consult and support residents of Jigsaw Homes to take part of local physical activities.

Extensions to funding awards which were due to end March 2024

- Activity Alliance awarded additional funding of £60,000 to extend the Get Out Get Active (GOGA) programme funding in Amber Valley from April 2024 to March 2025

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Performance measurement

Evaluating the impact of the work of the team against APT's goals and priorities is complex. Much of the work that the team does cannot be measured numerically. System change is not easily attributable to one organisation and the level of change, we are seeking to make, takes a long time.

One of the challenges is that every funding stream has its own evaluation and reporting requirements. We are striving to collect one set of qualitative and quantitative data that we can use to meet all reporting requirements and that has a methodology around it that enables us to learn as we go along. It needs to be simple, joined-up, able to flex locally and applicable to the governance structures within our places and communities.

During 2024/25 we started to explore the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI). AI has been helping us review our data and we have continued to evolve our version of 'Claude'. We currently collect data against the actions in our annual plan on a quarterly basis and this goes into Claude, along with any observations and reflections we have about what is changing, and what is helping or hindering that change. We have developed (and are continuing to improve) the prompts we ask Claude to help us understand overall progress against our shared priorities (goals), in our places, and the conditions we are helping to create.

The information captured and analysed is used to feed into the six monthly Sport England reports and regular reports to the Board.

In addition, we continue to capture, record and share changes we see in the following ways:

- Learning logs – kept by APT team members and partners working on collaborative projects,
- Partner feedback- informal and formal. A partner survey was developed and was sent out April 2024.
- A culture of asking for feedback either verbally or by email following key internal and external discussions. Responses are logged and shared.
- Case study videos published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts YouTube channels and Making our Move website

Financial review

In 2024/25, Sport England was the main funder with a total of £1,462,107 received in 2024/25 (all restricted) for

• Systemic & Governing funding	Award Term
• Programme funding incl, School Games & extended workforce	04/22 - 03/27
• Place Partnership (Expansion)	04/22 - 03/25
• Sport Welfare Officers	08/24 - 08/26
	10/23 - 03/27

Local Authority funding is the next largest source.

Derbyshire County Council	restricted	Amount in year	Award Term
Derbyshire County Council	restricted	£144,000 p.a.	04/24 - 03/29
Derby City & district/boroughs	designated	£498,922 p.a.	04/24 - 03/29*
Nottingham City Council	restricted	£134,626 p.a.	up to 03/25
Nottinghamshire County Council	restricted	£124,000	04/24 - 03/26
		£61,000 p.a.	04/24 - 03/25

*This funding received from Derbyshire County Council is 100% distributed to organisations as developed and agreed by the physical activity collaborative (a Derbyshire wide network). As APT is operating as an agent with this proportion of the funding, this allocation is not recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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The possible loss of any local authority funding in the future, is recognised as an amber risk in the APT risk register and actions are in place to mitigate this risk. This includes maintaining close relationships with key individuals to identify any issues early and by developing our relationships with departments delivering statutory responsibilities as well as with leisure departments (non-statutory). In 2024/25 we also started to explore and develop links with the new East Midlands Combined County Authority.

The Finance Audit and Risk Committee met four times during the year to review the management accounts for 2024/25 and draft 2025/26 budget before these were presented to the Board. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee also reviewed the following documents during the year before recommending Board approval:

- 2023/24 Audit Report and Management Issues
- Reserves Policy
- Investment Policy and investment proposals
- Business Continuity Policy – annual review
- Risk Management Policy – annual review
- Risk Register – on 6 monthly basis

Going forward into 2025/26, APT is in a good position financially with Sport England systemic and governance funding agreed until March 27 and an indicative funding commitment for Place Partnership work up to March 2028, assuming the full award application is successful. The Sport England programme funding that was due to end March 25 has been extended up to March 27.

However, with a fixed income to cover APT's core systemic and governance costs, increasing inflation rates may present challenges in future years, particularly in relation to employment costs.

Policy on reserves

The unrestricted fund total, shown in the 2024/25 Financial Activities statement is £1,370,911.

The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually. A minimum amount of reserves is allocated to cover costs which would arise if a decision to cease operations was taken (Sinking Fund). The sinking fund must be able to cover the following costs:

- terminating employment contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- terminating service provider contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- settling any unexpired period of office lease, if applicable
- settling any contractual service delivery payments.

The sinking fund on 31st March 2025 was £425,000 however this will increase to £500,000 for financial year 2025/26.

In addition to the sinking fund, APT's board in 2021/22 agreed to spend £453k of unrestricted reserves, over a five year period (up to March 2027) to move forward priorities identified in 'Making our Move'. This planned spend of reserves is on-going, continuing to fund the following work:

- the employment costs of a member of the team leading on the diversity and inclusion agenda. Following the departure of our first appointee to this role in March 2024, a new employee was appointed to this role March 2025 on a fixed term contract up to March 2027.
- the costs of regular learning/sharing/celebration events. In October 2024 this included a conference attended by over 180 partners from across both counties.

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- systems leadership training for system partners. These are on-going and over 200 participants attended sessions in 2024/25, primarily from the public sector.
- external independent evaluation of the impact of Making our Move.

These are still priority work areas and £240.5k of unrestricted reserves is still committed to be spent in this way by March 2027.

In 2025/26 historical restricted funding pots were reviewed and where required or feasible funders were approach for approval to unrestrict this funding. The management accounts for 2025/26 will be structured to reflect these changes. Criteria will be developed to direct the spend of this unrestricted funding in a way that supports/enhances the work we are doing in place.

Funds over and above the amount required in APT's current account to meet our cash flow requirements are invested in interest generating accounts following the principles outlined in APT's Investment Policy.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Active Partners Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Jane Laughton

Date:

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Active Partners Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Active Partners Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial

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statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and industry in which it operates, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wayne Thomas FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bates Weston Audit Ltd

Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants

The Mills

Canal Street

Derby

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Date:

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	134,626	929,625	1,064,251	1,519,576
Charitable activities	3	6,093	1,053,151	1,059,244	523,883
Investments		63,111	-	63,111	32,430
Total income		<u>203,830</u>	<u>1,982,776</u>	<u>2,186,606</u>	<u>2,075,889</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	108,144	1,960,916	2,069,060	2,183,701
Total expenditure		<u>108,144</u>	<u>1,960,916</u>	<u>2,069,060</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>95,686</u>	<u>21,860</u>	<u>117,546</u>	<u>(107,812)</u>
Transfers between funds	15	83,761	(83,761)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>179,447</u>	<u>(61,901)</u>	<u>117,546</u>	<u>(107,812)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,191,464	903,411	2,094,875	2,202,687
Net movement in funds		179,447	(61,901)	117,546	(107,812)
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,370,911</u>	<u>841,510</u>	<u>2,212,421</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	18,835	9,798
Investments	10	170,000	-
		<u>188,835</u>	<u>9,798</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	153,339	80,300
Investments	12	1,287,844	956,587
Cash at bank and in hand		704,742	1,185,606
		<u>2,145,925</u>	<u>2,222,493</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(122,339)	(137,416)
		<u>2,023,586</u>	<u>2,085,077</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,023,586</u>	<u>2,085,077</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,212,421</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,212,421</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	841,510	903,411
Unrestricted funds	15	1,370,911	1,191,464
Total funds		<u>2,212,421</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Jane Laughton
Date:

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	34,973	(227,961)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(14,580)	(8,983)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(14,580)	(8,983)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	20,393	(236,944)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2,142,193	2,379,137
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2,162,586	2,142,193
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The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Active Partners Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

No material uncertainties exist regarding going concern.

1.3 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities upon the completion of the relevant performance-related conditions. Other grants that are not subject to performance-related conditions are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the grant proceeds are received. Grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria being satisfied are recognised as a liability.

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33.3% straight line

1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funding partners to support activities carried out by the charity during the period.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade creditors are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Government grants				
Derby City Council	25,056	-	25,056	25,056
Amber Valley Borough Council	15,701	-	15,701	15,701
Erewash Borough Council	15,117	-	15,117	15,117
South Derbyshire District Council	12,191	-	12,191	12,191
Derbyshire County Council	-	-	-	464,000
High Peak Borough Council	13,603	-	13,603	13,603
Derbyshire Dales District Council	11,823	-	11,823	11,823
Chesterfield Borough Council	14,610	-	14,610	14,610
North East Derbyshire District Council	14,450	-	14,450	14,450
Bolsover District Council	12,075	-	12,075	12,075
Total government grants	134,626	-	134,626	598,626
Grants	-	929,625	929,625	920,950
Subtotal	-	929,625	929,625	920,950
	134,626	929,625	1,064,251	1,519,576
<i>Total 2024</i>	134,626	1,384,950	1,519,576	

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Grants	-	720,698	720,698	420,191
Government grants	328	185,000	185,328	88,165
Training fees	2,649	-	2,649	10,246
Other fees	3,116	147,453	150,569	5,281
Total 2025	<u>6,093</u>	<u>1,053,151</u>	<u>1,059,244</u>	<u>523,883</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Government grants				
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	61,000	61,000	60,000
Nottingham City Council	328	124,000	124,328	25,165
Derbyshire County Council	-	-	-	1,000
Ashfield District Council	-	-	-	2,000
	<u>328</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>185,328</u>	<u>88,165</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>28</u>	<u>88,137</u>	<u>88,165</u>	

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Young people's participation	15	331,493	331,508	323,165
Place based work	48,407	541,816	590,223	578,760
Priority group support & advocacy	1,040	449,471	450,511	448,768
Workforce development	22,084	267,413	289,497	395,085
Insight	36,598	370,723	407,321	437,923
	<u>108,144</u>	<u>1,960,916</u>	<u>2,069,060</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Young people's participation	70,377	261,131	331,508	323,165
Place based work	176,080	414,143	590,223	578,760
Priority group support & advocacy	107,409	343,102	450,511	448,768
Workforce development	8,563	280,934	289,497	395,085
Insight	25,321	382,000	407,321	437,923
	<u>387,750</u>	<u>1,681,310</u>	<u>2,069,060</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>604,657</u>	<u>1,579,044</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	1,335,083	1,162,263
Premises and IT	173,163	113,956
Consultancy	138,276	252,609
Marketing	34,788	46,481
Governance	-	3,735
	1,681,310	1,579,044

Support costs are allocated in proportion to overall staff time spent on each activity.

6. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £7,850 (2024 - £7,500).

7. Staff costs

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Wages and salaries	1,156,940	1,007,058
Social security costs	111,894	96,928
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	66,249	58,277
	1,335,083	1,162,263

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	<i>2024</i>
Average number of employees	32	29

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7. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	2

The roles within the senior management team are as listed in the reference and administrative section on page 1.

The total employee benefits of the senior management team of the charity were £306,896 (2024 - £286,090).

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, travel expenses totalling £181 were reimbursed to 2 Trustees' (2024 - £137).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	1,195	38,031	39,226
Additions	-	14,580	14,580
At 31 March 2025	1,195	52,611	53,806
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	-	29,428	29,428
Charge for the year	398	5,145	5,543
At 31 March 2025	398	34,573	34,971
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	797	18,038	18,835
At 31 March 2024	1,195	8,603	9,798

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10. Fixed asset investments

	Fixed term deposits £
Cost	
Additions	170,000
At 31 March 2025	170,000

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	65,980	16,336
Prepayments and accrued income	87,359	63,964
	153,339	80,300

12. Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash held on short term deposit	1,287,844	956,587

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	47,147	70,154
Other taxation and social security	25,157	22,848
Other creditors	12,352	11,045
Accrued expenses	37,683	33,369
	122,339	137,416

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14. Agency Arrangements

During the reporting period, the charity has acted as an agent on behalf of Derbyshire County Council as part of the physical activity partnership agreement. Under this agreement the charity received £642,922 of which £498,922 was provided for the charity to distribute to various other borough councils and is not represented in the statement of financial activities, the remaining £144,000 does not form part of the agency arrangement and is reflected in the statement of financial activities. All of the funds received as an agent were distributed in accordance with the agreement, therefore the charity retains no liability at the end of the reporting period.

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	425,000	-	-	-	425,000
Committed projects	274,201	2,849	(36,613)	205	240,642
	<u>699,201</u>	<u>2,849</u>	<u>(36,613)</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>665,642</u>
General funds					
General fund	492,263	200,981	(71,531)	83,556	705,269
	<u>492,263</u>	<u>200,981</u>	<u>(71,531)</u>	<u>83,556</u>	<u>705,269</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,191,464</u>	<u>203,830</u>	<u>(108,144)</u>	<u>83,761</u>	<u>1,370,911</u>
Restricted funds					
AD DCC	86,410	144,000	(22,108)	(147,000)	61,302
AD GOGA	6,046	60,000	(54,000)	(12,046)	-
AD PH Commission	-	499	-	-	499
AD Walk Derbyshire	389,464	-	(201,298)	51,124	239,290
AN NCC Walk One Step	70,276	-	(33,500)	-	36,776
AN NCC Walk Lead	(4,132)	186,915	(93,916)	-	88,867
SE APT Core	51,741	1,052,257	(1,013,590)	41,041	131,449

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
AN SE Priority Places	35,622	-	(14,077)	-	21,545
SE CYP School Games	79,407	50,000	(59,450)	(44,407)	25,550
SE CYP School Facilities	949	66,310	(67,961)	700	(2)
SE Sport Welfare	19,641	133,850	(79,777)	-	73,714
PP APT Capacity	-	33,000	(22,948)	-	10,052
PP Derby	-	55,500	(34,245)	-	21,255
PP Nottingham	-	87,750	(54,224)	-	33,526
Funds below £30k	167,987	112,695	(209,822)	26,827	97,687
	<u>903,411</u>	<u>1,982,776</u>	<u>(1,960,916)</u>	<u>(83,761)</u>	<u>841,510</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Total of funds	<u><u>2,094,875</u></u>	<u><u>2,186,606</u></u>	<u><u>(2,069,060)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,212,421</u></u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	400,000	-	-	25,000	425,000
Committed projects	309,407	-	(16,773)	(18,433)	274,201
	<u>709,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,773)</u>	<u>6,567</u>	<u>699,201</u>

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers in/out</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
General funds					
General fund	399,118	170,848	(58,090)	(19,613)	492,263
Total Unrestricted funds	1,108,525	170,848	(74,863)	(13,046)	1,191,464
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	30,869	-	(12,213)	-	18,656
AD DCC	76,836	144,000	(25,426)	(109,000)	86,410
AD GOGA	6,046	39,866	(39,866)	-	6,046
AD Walk Derbyshire	508,908	320,000	(439,444)	-	389,464
AN PH	31,284	-	(1,060)	(18,000)	12,224
AN NCC Walk One Step	49,311	60,000	(39,035)	-	70,276
AN NCC Walk Lead	12,476	-	(34,608)	18,000	(4,132)
AN Nott City	27,850	-	(12,150)	-	15,700
SE APT Core	6,963	1,051,125	(1,058,747)	52,400	51,741
SE AN Priority Places	43,601	-	(7,979)	-	35,622
SE CYP Workforce	22,777	10,131	(14,515)	-	18,393
SE CYP Place	28,513	-	-	-	28,513
SE CYP School Games	73,147	50,000	(43,740)	-	79,407
SE CYP School Facilities	(235)	65,999	(63,865)	(950)	949
SE Club Matters	43,880	-	(14,105)	(3,000)	26,775
SE TIF	74,756	-	(72,782)	(1,974)	-
SE Social Prescribing	5,578	42,800	(38,084)	(430)	9,864
APT Insight	(3,951)	26,400	(54,013)	30,000	(1,564)
APT Marketing & Comms	2,308	2,769	(46,480)	45,000	3,597
Funds below £20k	53,245	91,951	(90,726)	1,000	55,470
	1,094,162	1,905,041	(2,108,838)	13,046	903,411
Total of funds	2,202,687	2,075,889	(2,183,701)	-	2,094,875

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16. Purpose of funds

The specific purposes for which the restricted funds are to be applied are as follows:

AD Delivery DCC - This is the part of the total £3,201,181 grant from Derbyshire County Council from April 2024 to March 2029 to fund Active Derbyshire's strategic lead role in the county and the development of the collaborative commissioning work. The amount of this which is for APT is £144k p.a.

AD GOGA - The original 3-year award from Activity Alliance was extended by an additional £60k for 2024/25. The award is to continue to support disabled and non-disabled people to be active together in Heanor and the surrounding area. The programme and its delivery are managed by the Active Amber Valley partnership and APT. As a member of this partnership, APT is the accountable body for this funding award.

AD PH Commission - This is the delivery part of the total £3,201,181 grant from Derbyshire County Council from April 2024 to March 2029 which APT is responsible for managing. APT is responsible for working with existing and new partners to develop PA opportunities to meet the needs of their residents, based on insight. Once plans agreed, APT is responsible for distributing 100% of the delivery allocation to locality partners. In 2024/25 £499.9k was distributed.

AD Walk Derbyshire - Funding from Derbyshire County Council of £825,000 for Walk Derbyshire programme from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23. With agreement from Derbyshire County Council, underspends in employments costs, delays in partners spending their allocations, plus the contribution from Derby City Council have allowed APT to extend this work up to 31/03/2026.

AN NCC Walk One Step - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council from March 2022 to support local 'One step at a time' projects, including walking, across the county. Funding held by APT on behalf of a partners group, of which APT is a member.

AN NCC Walk Lead - In 2022/23 this funding from Nottinghamshire County Council funded the costs of Ridewise to develop a shared vision for walking across Nottinghamshire. All the funding was spent and Ridewise's contract ended March 2024 and new funding from Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council will be received April 2024 to fund the Walk Notts programme until March 2026.

APT Core - This includes the Systemic and Governing funding from Sport England towards the core costs of APT, covering the employment costs of most of the team plus office running costs etc. It also includes some of the programme funding from Sport England to cover the employment costs of team members delivering Sport England programmes.

AN SE Priority Places - Funding from Sport England 01/10/18-31/03/21 to finance the Nottingham local priority places pilot work. Making progress was difficult and it was agreed with Sport England and partners that despite an underspend, the project would end March 2021. Sport England agreed that the underspend could be kept by APT to be spent in Nottingham, with their prior approval. This is on-going.

SE CYP School Games - Sport England programme funding awarded to deliver the school games across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. This is delivery funding for the school games. The funding to employ the team members leading on young people work sits within APT Core.

SE CYP School Facilities - Funding to support schools to open their facilities for community use. Initially this funding was from Sport England. It is now from **Active Partnerships** (the national network) who were awarded a contract from the Department of Education to deliver a national Opening Schools Facilities programme through its network of Active Partnerships. APT has a three-year agreement (01/23-03/25) with Active Partnerships for £198.9k capacity funding to deliver the programme on their behalf in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. This funding is now 100% spent.

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SE Sport Welfare - Sport England funding awarded to fund the appointment and delivery budget for two new roles: Sport Welfare Lead Derbyshire and Sport Welfare Lead Nottinghamshire. The funding award is a total of £382,200 from October 2023 to 31 March 2027. Two new team members started in the roles March 2024.

Place Partnership APT Capacity - Place Partnership funding is a new Sport England award of £1,219,511 from August 2024 to August 2026, to fund community engagement and build skills and capacity of workers and residents in 4 places; Ashfield, Derby, Erewash, Nottingham to understand the barriers to being active in these places. The award also includes some funding to increase APT's capacity to manage this work and to fund external evaluation work. This award has been split into 5 budget classes, this class being the internal capacity element. The place budget classes are detailed below.

Place Partnership Derby - Funding application submitted to Sport England requested different amounts per place depending on size of place and resources required. Two new team members appointed (1.6 FTE) to take this work forward.

Place Partnership Nottingham - Funding application submitted to Sport England requested different amounts per place depending on size of place and resources required. Three new team members were appointed (3 FTE) to take this work forward.

Transfers

Transfers include reallocations within restricted funds, the clearing down of restricted fund overspends with unrestricted funds, and the further designation of unrestricted funds.

17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	699,201	2,849	(36,613)	205	665,642
General funds	492,263	200,981	(71,531)	83,556	705,269
Restricted funds	903,411	1,982,776	(1,960,916)	(83,761)	841,510
	2,094,875	2,186,606	(2,069,060)	-	2,212,421

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17. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers in/out</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
Designated funds	709,407	-	(16,773)	6,567	699,201
General funds	399,118	170,848	(58,090)	(19,613)	492,263
Restricted funds	1,094,162	1,905,041	(2,108,838)	13,046	903,411
	<u>2,202,687</u>	<u>2,075,889</u>	<u>(2,183,701)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	18,835	-	18,835
Fixed asset investments	40,005	-	40,005
Current assets	1,312,071	963,849	2,275,920
Creditors due within one year	-	(122,339)	(122,339)
Total	<u>1,370,911</u>	<u>841,510</u>	<u>2,212,421</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024</i> £	<i>Restricted funds 2024</i> £	<i>Total funds 2024</i> £
Tangible fixed assets	9,798	-	9,798
Current assets	1,181,666	1,040,827	2,222,493
Creditors due within one year	-	(137,416)	(137,416)
Total	<u>1,191,464</u>	<u>903,411</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>

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19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	117,546	(107,812)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	5,543	4,510
Increase in debtors	(73,039)	(41,258)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(15,077)	(83,401)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	34,973	(227,961)

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	704,742	1,185,606
Cash on fixed term deposit	1,457,844	956,587
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,162,586	2,142,193

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,185,606	(480,864)	704,742
Cash on fixed term deposit	956,587	501,257	1,457,844
	2,142,193	20,393	2,162,586

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22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2025 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	4,422	5,445

23. Charity Status

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

24. Related party transactions

C Hart is Shadow Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing at Erewash Borough Council. During the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity received grants of £15,117 (2024: £15,117) from the council. C Hart is also a County Councillor for Derbyshire County Council for the Breadall and West Hallam Division. During the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity received grants of £144,000 (2024: £465,000) from the council.

D Higon is the Service Director for Place and Communities at Nottinghamshire County Council. During the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity received grants of £61,000 (2024: £60,000) from the council.

R North is a Director of R J North Consultancy Ltd. During the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity paid £4,200 for consultancy services (2024: £Nil) from R J North Consultancy Ltd.

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Trustees' report and financial statements
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**Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers
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Trustees	Derek Higton, Chair Sarah Fowler Carol Hart Louise Bainbridge Danny Bouckley Graham Feek Jane Laughton Mark Shardlow Christopher Hassell Fiona Callaghan (appointed 19 March 2024) Rachel North (appointed 19 March 2024) Michael Rich (appointed 19 March 2024) Adam Hill (appointed 19 April 2024)
Company registered number	10876876
Charity registered number	1180787
Registered office	Derby Cubo Victoria Street Derby DE1 1EQ
Senior Management Team	Ilana Freestone, Chief Executive Officer Stuart Batchelor, Strategic Director Derbyshire Kerryn Rhodes-Chamberlin, Strategic Director Nottinghamshire Margaret Blount, Head of Operations Michelle Skinner, Strategic Director
Independent auditor	Bates Weston Audit Ltd Statutory Auditors Chartered Accountants The Mills Canal Street Derby DE1 2RJ
Bankers	Natwest Bank 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX Nationwide Building Society Kings Park Road Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6NW

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Trustees' report
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The trustees, who are directors, for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Active Partners Trust (APT) is a company limited by guarantee, registered with Companies House on 20 July 2017. It has no share capital and the liability of each member is limited to £10. We applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity in March 2018 and confirmation was received in November 2018. Minor revisions were required to the charity's objects to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Hence APT operates under the rules of its memorandum dated 20 July 2017 and articles of association dated 29 October 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited by open advertisement and appointed based on skills and experience. Trustees cannot number less than two or more than twelve and at least 25% of trustees must be independent as defined in the Code for Sports Governance. Full details of trustee recruitment, appointment and powers are detailed in the articles of association. Four new trustees were recruited in March 2024 to fill three current vacancies and the vacancy that will occur later in 2024 when the Chair stands down, having served the maximum term of nine years.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees meet individually with the Chief Executive and/or Chair prior to attending their first meeting. An online induction checklist is shared and discussed. This checklist links to all the key governing documents, policies, strategies, delivery plans and financial information. The annual training budget includes provision for trustees' training.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

On set up in 2017, the initial pay bands were set following a benchmarking exercise of similar roles in other Active Partnerships around the country. This information, along with the then salary scales of Derbyshire County Council and Nottingham Trent University were considered. The trustees agreed an APT Remuneration Policy on 7 May 2019. As stated in this policy, annual pay increases are not guaranteed and are not a contractual entitlement. Pay increases are considered based on an individual's performance and affordability. Proposed increases are reviewed by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the APT Board.

Organisational structure

Active Partners Trust, set up in 2017, is a single legal entity which brought together the county sports partnerships (CSPs) in Derbyshire (previously Derbyshire Sport) and Nottinghamshire (previously Sport Notts).

In Derbyshire we operate under the brand 'Active Derbyshire' and in Nottinghamshire, it is 'Active Notts'. In both counties we work with organisations and networks in the county to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The responsibility for overall policy setting and strategic insight sits with the APT Board of trustees, which meets at least four times each year.

County panels were set up in 2019/20 for both Derbyshire and Notts. The terms of reference for both county panels were revised in 2023/24 to better reflect how they operate as advisory and consultative panels. The Active Notts panel met three times and the Active Derbyshire panel met four times in 2023/24 and a joint presentation on Active Lives data was held in January 2024. The panels are chaired by APT trustees: Active Derbyshire panel by Sarah Fowler and the Active Notts panel by Graham Feek.

The APT Audit Committee, chaired by Stephen Jackson, was set up in March 2019 to advise the trustees on finance and risk management. Its terms of reference were updated in 2022 and it was renamed the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee to better reflect its responsibilities. Four meetings of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee were held in 2022/23.

The two new sub-committees set up by the board in 2022/23 continued to meet as and when required: People

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and Resources Committee and Nominations Committee. In 2023/24, the Nominations Committee met once to plan the recruitment of new trustees and the People and Resources Committee met twice.

Code for Sports Governance

As APT is in receipt of more than £1m from Sport England we are required to meet Tier 3 of this code. The code was first launched in 2016 and APT was set up in 2017 to meet the codes requirements. A revised version of the code was published in December 2021 which included additional requirements particularly in relation to increasing the diversity of the board and leadership teams. The Board worked to embed required changes through 2022/23 and 2023/24, the focus of 2023/24 being the development of the People Plan and the Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. Sport England confirmed that APT had met the requirements of the revised code April 2024.

Operational Management

Day to day management and service delivery is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, Ilana Freestone. APT has 29 employees (23 FTE) (March 2024).

APT continues to lease a small (three person) permanent office in Derby Cubo. At the end of March APT moved from its Nottingham office leased from BizSpace to a six-desk office at Dryden Enterprise Centre (NTU property). Hot desking and meeting facilities are available to the team in both locations. By end of March 2024, four of the team are on office-based contracts and several of the team have moved from home based to hybrid contracts but the majority the team are still primarily home based.

Objects and aims

Through the two brands: Active Derbyshire and Active Notts, APT aims to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The formal objectives of Active Partners Trust are:

- the advancement of amateur sport and the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the co-ordination of sporting and physical activities, and/or by the provision of research and/or resources, and/or by the provision of facilities for the playing of sports
- the advancement of the education of the public in the subject of sport and physical recreation and the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, research and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in sport and physical activity
- the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation; and
- the promotion, and/or provision of facilities for, recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said persons.

Vision, purpose, strategies and activities

Sport England launched their 10-year plan 'Uniting the Movement' in January 2021. This is a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity, with a mission to tackle deep-rooted inequalities and unlock the advantage of being active for everyone.

During 2023/24 the key focus for the team and the board was to work with partners towards meeting the five shared aims of 'Making our Move – Our shared vision for Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire'. This shared plan, which was launched October 2021, outlines five shared aims and six ways of working.

We and other system and community partners have different roles to play to meet this vision. The role APT played was outlined in our 2023/24 action plan and the team invested significant time in capturing the changes we were seeing in places, communities and systems as a result of our and partners' work. We have spent time analysing these changes and reflecting on any learning to take forward and share.

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APT's vision, purpose and priorities are:

Our vision is: working together we will address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

Our purpose is to connect, collaborate, influence and help create a culture where everyone can be active.

Our priorities are to:

Understand people and communities

Build our insight and learning with partners

Share insight and learning to inform decision making

Enable by

Creating opportunities

Developing people

Advocating and influencing for change in policy and practice

Creating conditions for change

Invest by

Seeking investment to support our work

Target resources to where they are most needed

Align existing resources

Public benefit

Across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, **one in four adults** and **one in three children** and young people are **inactive**. **One in six deaths** in the UK are a result of physical inactivity.

Being active helps more than just individuals. It benefits communities and wider society and has a knock-on effect on the environment. Through physical activity:

- People become healthier, happier and more fulfilled
- Communities feel safer, inclusive and connected
- Society is more equal, with money invested and saved in the right places
- Environments are less polluted and better appreciated by communities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

What we set out to do in 2023/24 and what we achieved

Our main funder, Sport England, funds our governance, funds us to work with and influence partners in the system in our counties and funds us to deliver programmes. Other funders are also interested in these three strands hence this report will illustrate what we have achieved and how we have done it using these three headings.

Governance

Completing requirements for Tier 3 Code of Sports Governance continued to be a key priority this year focusing on finalising our Diversity and Inclusion action plan (DIAP) and our People Plan. The actions from both have now been incorporated into our 2024/25 operational plan. Both the board and the team attended safeguarding training and the sessions were provided by the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) and the Ann Craft Trust. We have also undertaken an open recruitment process and appointed four new trustees. Our Chair is due to step down at the end of 2024, having served the maximum three terms, and the Board undertook this recruitment with succession planning in mind. Our Board and all its committees have spent time reviewing and

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updating our risk register - in particular, acknowledging the current financial and political situation.

Systemic

The focus of our place-based systemic work during the year has been about really understanding where we are seeking change, acknowledging that this differs from place to place. The development of a Theory of Change for our work by Leeds Beckett University has been a catalyst for this and will be used to evaluate our work going forwards. It has helped us understand how the things we do lead to the outcomes we want to see, even though there are many steps in between. Within this, we continue to evolve our methodologies for capturing and understanding lived experience, working with communities to build purposeful and impactful community engagement in the process.

Key principles have emerged through our evaluation of this work. We have learnt that resident voice or our understanding of people and communities, needs to be tailored and pitched in different ways for different audiences and different partners within the system. For example, resident voice is relevant at granular level to create the right opportunities to be active and to support community leadership and engagement with those opportunities. The community connector role in Carlton (funded by Jigsaw Housing) is a great example of this. This role brings the system and residents together to inform action and the residents are leading and stepping into leading activity themselves.

At county level, resident voice and individual stories have helped illustrate, bring to life and inform evidence of the need for policy changes over a greater geographical footprint than one community. Organisationally we are learning how to communicate the same story in different ways and for different purposes. At county level it is to influence, at local level it is to help design services and engage the community in the process.

We are developing our understanding of how the system is acting on this lived experience and responding to the needs of people and communities. We advertised, recruited and inducted a PhD student through Leeds Beckett University to help us (and our system partners) with this. We are currently considering the research questions and which places this work could focus on.

At the same time, we are exploring different ways of using our understanding and insight of people and communities to build more capacity and capability in the system. We have advocated for more community-system connector type roles, based on models in Carlton and Glossop, to ensure the lived experience gathered is effectively used and acted on across the relevant parts of the system.

During the year we took the deliberate decision to focus on deepening rather than growing our networks/connections/relationships, paying attention to where they are purposeful and meaningful. We know it takes time to build genuinely collaborative relationships and we worked with our team to understand what we mean by this and what it takes. The whole team took the time to look across all places to develop and complete a maturity matrix for each place. The maturity matrix helped us understand the strength of our partnerships and connections, in the place.

The role we play and our focus on place-based work is increasingly being valued and as a result, we were asked to step into wider system work (e.g. ICS - NHSEI work in Nottingham and PH Commissioning work in Derbyshire) and to take on a strategic lead role within this. Whilst this was positive, the capacity within the team to keep up with demand was a concern we needed to manage by being clear about the role we play and what we can/can't do.

We have supported national system partners e.g. National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to understand people and communities and how to connect in their work. This takes time and capacity. Where we have invested in working together locally, we saw some real impact (e.g. RFU with refugees and Badminton England with Nottingham Women's Muslim Network.) It has required the NGB to step into the work, be part of evolving it with the community and to adapt and flex as required to meet the needs of the specific people and communities with which we are working. The request from system partners to support them to connect is greater than we or the communities have the capacity to accommodate at scale and it is important that the approach and way of working to engage with people and communities is understood and appreciated from the offset.

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We have spent time reviewing the systems leadership programme we organised for partners between January – September 2023. A focus group helped us consider all the feedback and based on this; we planned another programme for 2024. It is a series of online workshops, delivered by the Leadership Centre and accessed by both partners involved in the work and our team. We also procured an organisation to deliver a transformational leadership programme for the leisure sector in Derbyshire and this programme is now underway.

Another significant area of work has been preparing for the new East Midlands Combined County Authority. We have spent time developing a narrative, building knowledge amongst our team and Board and understanding how, organisationally, we can make the most of the opportunity.

Delivery

All our young people events are informed by youth voice and we have developed several ways in which to listen and understand the views of the young people we want to engage. What we heard is then used to co-design and co-create all our work with young people. As part of our School Games offer, we provided opportunities for young people to be physically active in nature through Forest Games, targeting year 3/4 pupils who were in the 10% of the least active in their school.

Our SEND work continued to be a key focus of our School Games programme and this year we held an event specifically for SEND schools for young people aged 11-16 with some form of learning disability or difficulty. This was the first of its kind for us and not only a great experience for those involved, lots of learning for us too as we built the activities in and around workshops on resilience, teamwork and social skills.

Our physical literacy work continued to connect to the Active Schools programme. It started in school and then pupils attended an inspirational event, developed in collaboration with partners, which provided exit routes into other activity programmes.

Our girls' leadership work continued to grow and we saw some real energy and enthusiasm from schools, staff, ambassadors and young leaders who engaged with our EMPOWER programme. Pupils reported that they left the main event feeling inspired, excited and confident to continue their work with their female peers, back in school.

We continued to support schools selected by Sport England to complete the Active Lives Young People survey. The response rate for schools remains steady at approximately 30%, with 15 out of our 17 areas being represented. Across the autumn 2023 and spring 2024 terms, we received more than 10,000 responses from young people, teachers and parents.

Better Organisation

APT has grown significantly over the last year due to additional work/funding coming our way (e.g. Sport Welfare Officers, Walking Lead roles in Derbyshire and Notts). We continued to develop our values and behaviours and had four whole team development days in 2023/24. These days focused on:

- our culture and ways of working
- our inductions process and how we bring new people into the organisation
- building resilience to prepare for the potential impact of organisational change.

The induction training day was designed and facilitated by seven of the team who had identified a training need to improve their facilitation and coaching skills. The skills/ techniques they acquired are helping to embed our culture and ways of working across the wider team and with our new members, through this cohort leading and working by example. Open and honest dialogue and continual feedback is central to our continued development.

We have continued to refresh our approach to operational planning and capture, aiming for a more dynamic way of doing this that allows us to be responsive as the work evolves.

The volume of information we have gathered and continue to gather means it is challenging to capture and make sense of it, in a systematic way. We have learnt that it is helpful to look back over time to build the story

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rather than look at one quarter in isolation. Working with our insight partner Press Red, we started a pilot to explore the potential of AI (Claude) to analyse and identify the stories the team captured in the Q3 and plan to use Claude to a greater extent for Q4 capture.

New Funding Awards

New applications submitted and new Sport England funding awarded to APT for:

- The appointment of two county Sport Welfare Officers. As their response to the recommendations in the Whyte Review, Sport England asked all Active Partnerships to apply for funding to employ county specific Sport Welfare Officers primarily to support club welfare officers within NGB affiliated sports clubs. APT was awarded £382.2k over a 3+ year period from October 2023 to end of March 2027. Two new team members started in post at the beginning of March 2024.

New funding awards from other funders are:

- Coach Core Foundation awarded £40k for 12 months (10/23 - 09/24) to fund a Level 3 Community Health and Sport officer apprenticeship programme for 8 young people in Nottinghamshire.
- Derbyshire County Council awarded a 1-year award of £144k (04/23 – 03/24) to lead the development and delivery of Derbyshire's shared countywide physical activity plan and to lead on development of the collaborative approach to commissioning physical activity interventions. This one year award is an interim award with the intent that a five year agreement will be in place from April 2024. This has been agreed.

Performance measurement

Evaluating the impact of the work of the team against APT's objectives and priorities is complex. Much of the work that the team does cannot be measured numerically.

Sport England introduced a reporting framework for Active Partnerships and other system partners. Two 6th monthly reports have been submitted. In these reports we were asked to describe what changes we have seen as a result of our work, our progress and our impact in relation to the shared aims and ways of working detailed in 'Making our Move'.

As a whole team, we have captured our progress against our actions in the annual action plan on a quarterly basis, recording the changes we have seen and what has helped or hindered change happen. As a result of this and the whole team days to reflect on what is being captured, key themes, gaps etc, the quality of the capture and the understanding of the process by the team continues to improve. The quantity of information this process produces is huge and has been analysed independently by our insight partner, Press Red. During the year we have worked with Press Red to investigate the feasibility of using artificial intelligence to help with this analysis. This pilot is on-going.

The information captured is used to feed into the Sport England reports and reports to the Board.

In addition, we continue to capture, record and share changes we see in the following ways:

- Learning logs – kept by APT team members and partners working on collaborative projects,
- Partner feedback- informal and formal. A partner survey was developed and was sent out April 2023.
- A culture of asking for feedback either verbally or by email following key internal and external discussions. Responses are logged and shared.
- Case study videos published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts YouTube channels and Making our Move website.
- Talking Spaces insight sessions and podcasts published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.

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Financial review

In 2023/24, Sport England was the main funder with funding received in 2023/24 (all restricted) for

	Award Term
• Systemic & Governing funding	04/22 - 03/27
• Programme funding incl, School Games & extended workforce	04/22 - 03/25
• moving Communities	03/24 - 10/24
• Thriving Communities	10/20 - 06/24

Local Authority funding, both project specific (restricted) and for core services (designated to location) is the next largest source of funding.

Core funding from Derbyshire County Council of £144k, for designated spend in Derbyshire, was received for 2023/24. The annual Funding Partner fees from Derby City Council and the District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire were also received (£134.6k). This funding was designated for spend in Derby and Derbyshire.

£320k of the total award (£825k) from Derbyshire County Council for Walk Derbyshire was received in 2023/24. 100% of this Derbyshire County Council funding has now been drawn down although the programme is funded to end of March 2025.

A further £60k of restricted funding was awarded by Nottinghamshire County Council for the One Step at a Time programme. All this funding is to be allocated towards activities in the community.

Collaboration with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council has resulted in both councils allocating funding over two years to develop Walk Notts from April 24.

The possible loss of any local authority funding in the future, is recognised as an amber risk in the APT risk register and actions are in place to mitigate this risk. This includes maintaining close relationships with key individuals to identify any issues early and by developing our relationships with departments delivering statutory responsibilities as well as with leisure departments (non-statutory).

The Finance Audit and Risk Committee met four times during the year to review the management accounts for 2023/24 and draft 2024/25 budget before these were presented to the Board. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee also reviewed the following documents during the year before recommending Board approval:

- 2022/23 Audit Report and Management Issues
- Reserves Policy
- Investment Policy
- Business Continuity Plan
- Risk Register
- Risk Management Policy
- Financial Regulations
- 4-year budget projection from 04/23 to 03/27
- Financial skills matrix

As at the end of the 2023/24 financial year the total amount of funds the charity holds is £2,094,875 of this £1,191,464 is held in unrestricted funds and £903,411 is held in restricted funds.

Going forward into 2024/25 APT is in a relatively good position financially with Sport England systemic and governance role funding agreed until 03/27 and programme funding agreed until 03/25. However with a fixed income to cover APT's core systemic and governance costs, increasing inflation rates may present challenges in future years, particularly in relation to employment costs.

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Policy on reserves

Active Partners Trust was set up in July 2017 from the joining up of two existing organisations, Derbyshire Sport and Sports Notts. Both organisations held restricted and unrestricted reserves at the date of transfer. The first 20 months of operation was a period of transition, research and planning hence during this time, delivery expenditure was less than anticipated, thus reserves increased. These reserves further increased due to the COVID pandemic, as this had a significant impact on the team's ability to spend funding during 2020/21. We started to return to more normal ways of working in 2022/23 and this has continued in 2023/24 thus the team have been able to take forward work funded through reserves for example funding system leadership training for interested partners.

The Reserves Policy was reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees on 13 December 2023. It was agreed that a cash sinking fund must be available at a level to cover costs which would arise if a decision to cease operations needed to be taken by the APT board, including the costs of:

- terminating employment contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- terminating service provider contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- settling any unexpired period of office lease, if applicable
- settling any contractual service delivery payments.

The unrestricted fund total figure shown in the 2023/24 Financial Activities statement is £1,191,464. Included in this total is the sinking fund together with a number of additional planned expenditures required to deliver the strategy and vision over the next three years (up to March 2027).

The sinking fund at 31st March 2024 is £425,000.

During 2021/22 we developed, with partners, the shared plan 'Making our Move', and determined the priorities for future years. Based on the priorities identified, the following new expenditure, from unrestricted reserves, was planned or committed to March 2027.

	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	Total
New Websites (design & set up)	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Evaluation partner	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	145,000
Diversity & Inclusion Lead (FT)	32,100	32,540	32,700	-	-	97,340
Learning/Celebration events	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	90,000
Systems Leadership training for partners	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000
	107,100	102,540	102,700	70,000	70,000	452,340

During 2023/24 progress was made against all these areas.

Development of a new APT website - this work happened in 2022/23 and now is complete.

Engagement of an APT evaluation partner - an evaluation partner Leeds Beckett University was appointed and a SLA is in place.

Appointment of Diversity and Inclusion Lead - an appointment was made to this new role on a three year contract however the Diversity and Inclusion Lead left mid March 2023 after almost two years in post to a more senior role.

Two celebration events, one per county were held autumn 2023 and were very well received by partners and potential partners. These were funded from restricted funding.

Funding systems leadership training for system partners. A systems leadership programme started in 2022/23 and has continued in 2023/24. Some of this training has been funded from restricted funding.

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The amount spent up to 31 March 2024 from unrestricted reserves is as shown in the table below. Work is continuing in these areas with spend projected up to 31 March 2027.

	22/23	23/24	Total
New websites (design & set up)	20,140	-	20,140
Evaluation partner	4,900	10,400	15,300
Diversity & Inclusion Lead (FT)	31,000	31,500	62,500
Learning/Celebration events	-	-	-
Systems Leadership training for partners	-	10,700	10,700
	56,040	52,600	108,640

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Active Partners Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 4 December 2024

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Active Partners Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Active Partners Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and industry in which it operates, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk

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increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wayne Thomas FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditors

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Date: 18 December 2024

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	134,626	1,385,950	1,520,576	1,474,251
Charitable activities	3	3,792	519,091	522,883	765,970
Investments		32,430	-	32,430	15,249
Total income		<u>170,848</u>	<u>1,905,041</u>	<u>2,075,889</u>	<u>2,255,470</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	74,863	2,108,838	2,183,701	1,901,373
Total expenditure		<u>74,863</u>	<u>2,108,838</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>95,985</u>	<u>(203,797)</u>	<u>(107,812)</u>	<u>354,097</u>
Transfers between funds	13	(13,046)	13,046	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>82,939</u>	<u>(190,751)</u>	<u>(107,812)</u>	<u>354,097</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,108,525	1,094,162	2,202,687	1,848,590
Net movement in funds		82,939	(190,751)	(107,812)	354,097
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,191,464</u>	<u>903,411</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>	<u>2,202,687</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	9,798	5,325
Investments	10	956,587	924,157
		966,385	929,482
Current assets			
Debtors	11	80,300	39,042
Cash at bank and in hand		1,185,606	1,454,980
		1,265,906	1,494,022
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(137,416)	(220,817)
		1,128,490	1,273,205
Total net assets		2,094,875	2,202,687
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	903,411	1,094,162
Unrestricted funds	13	1,191,464	1,108,525
Total funds		2,094,875	2,202,687

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 4 December 2024

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
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	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(227,961)	464,984
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(8,983)	(4,280)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(8,983)	(4,280)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(236,944)	460,704
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2,379,137	1,918,433
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2,142,193	2,379,137
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The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Active Partners Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

No material uncertainties exist regarding going concern.

1.3 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable unless future performance-related conditions are specified that have not been met. Grants received before the income recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33.3% straight line

1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funding partners to support activities carried out by the charity during the period.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade creditors are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Government grants				
Derby City Council	25,056	-	25,056	25,056
Amber Valley Borough Council	15,701	-	15,701	15,701
Erewash Borough Council	15,117	-	15,117	15,117
South Derbyshire District Council	12,191	-	12,191	12,191
Derbyshire County Council	-	144,000	144,000	104,000
High Peak Borough Council	13,603	-	13,603	13,603
Derbyshire Dales District Council	11,823	-	11,823	11,823
Chesterfield Borough Council	14,610	-	14,610	14,610
North East Derbyshire District Council	14,450	-	14,450	14,450
Bolsover District Council	12,075	-	12,075	12,075
Total government grants	134,626	144,000	278,626	238,626
Other grants	-	1,241,950	1,241,950	1,235,625
Total 2024	134,626	1,385,950	1,520,576	1,474,251
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>134,626</i>	<i>1,339,625</i>	<i>1,474,251</i>	

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants	165	507,191	507,356	762,498
Training fees	1,115	9,131	10,246	1,795
Other fees	2,512	2,769	5,281	1,677
Total 2024	3,792	519,091	522,883	765,970

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Young people's participation	9,722	313,443	323,165	326,328
Place based work	17,445	561,315	578,760	375,229
Priority group support & advocacy	8,459	440,309	448,768	639,245
Workforce development	19,395	375,690	395,085	230,809
Insight	19,842	418,081	437,923	329,762
	<u>74,863</u>	<u>2,108,838</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Young people's participation	73,274	249,891	323,165	326,328
Place based work	232,401	346,359	578,760	375,229
Priority group support & advocacy	155,486	293,282	448,768	639,245
Workforce development	142,911	252,174	395,085	230,809
Insight	585	437,338	437,923	329,762
	<u>604,657</u>	<u>1,579,044</u>	<u>2,183,701</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>662,928</u>	<u>1,238,445</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff costs	1,162,263	990,998
Premises and IT	113,956	122,464
Consultancy	252,609	74,156
Marketing	46,481	50,827
Governance	3,735	-
	<u>1,579,044</u>	<u>1,238,445</u>

Support costs are allocated in proportion to overall staff time spent on each activity.

6. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £7,500 (2023 - £7,200).

7. Staff costs

	2024 £	<i>2023 £</i>
Wages and salaries	1,007,058	850,623
Social security costs	96,928	89,786
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	58,277	50,589
	<u>1,162,263</u>	<u>990,998</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	<i>2023</i>
Average number of employees	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>

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7. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	1

The roles within the senior management team are as listed in the reference and administrative section on page 1.

The total employee benefits of the senior management team of the charity were £286,090 (2023 - £238,780).

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, travel expenses totalling £137 were reimbursed to Trustees' (2023 - £NIL).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	-	30,243	30,243
Additions	1,195	7,788	8,983
At 31 March 2024	1,195	38,031	39,226
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	-	24,918	24,918
Charge for the year	-	4,510	4,510
At 31 March 2024	-	29,428	29,428
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	1,195	8,603	9,798
At 31 March 2023	-	5,325	5,325

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10. Fixed asset investments

	Fixed term deposits £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	924,157
Additions	32,430
At 31 March 2024	956,587

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	16,336	33,311
Prepayments and accrued income	63,964	5,731
	80,300	39,042

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	70,154	119,014
Other taxation and social security	22,848	39,945
Other creditors	11,045	8,029
Accrued expenses	33,369	53,829
	137,416	220,817

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	400,000	-	-	25,000	425,000
Committed projects	309,407	-	(16,773)	(18,433)	274,201
	<u>709,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,773)</u>	<u>6,567</u>	<u>699,201</u>
General funds					
General fund	399,118	170,848	(58,090)	(19,613)	492,263
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,108,525</u>	<u>170,848</u>	<u>(74,863)</u>	<u>(13,046)</u>	<u>1,191,464</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	30,869	-	(12,213)	-	18,656
AD DCC	76,836	144,000	(25,426)	(109,000)	86,410
AD GOGA	6,046	39,866	(39,866)	-	6,046
AD Walk Derbyshire	508,908	320,000	(439,444)	-	389,464
AN PH	31,284	-	(1,060)	(18,000)	12,224
AN NCC Walk One Step	49,311	60,000	(39,035)	-	70,276
AN NCC Walk Lead	12,476	-	(34,608)	18,000	(4,132)
AN Nott City	27,850	-	(12,150)	-	15,700
SE APT Core	6,963	1,051,125	(1,058,747)	52,400	51,741
SE AN Priority Places	43,601	-	(7,979)	-	35,622
SE CYP Workforce	22,777	10,131	(14,515)	-	18,393
SE CYP Place	28,513	-	-	-	28,513
SE CYP School Games	73,147	50,000	(43,740)	-	79,407
SE CYP School Facilities	(235)	65,999	(63,865)	(950)	949
SE Club Matters	43,880	-	(14,105)	(3,000)	26,775
SE TIF	74,756	-	(72,782)	(1,974)	-
SE Social Prescribing	5,578	42,800	(38,084)	(430)	9,864
APT Insight	(3,951)	26,400	(54,013)	30,000	(1,564)

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
APT Marketing & Comms	2,308	2,769	(46,480)	45,000	3,597
Funds below £20k	53,245	91,951	(90,726)	1,000	55,470
	<u>1,094,162</u>	<u>1,905,041</u>	<u>(2,108,838)</u>	<u>13,046</u>	<u>903,411</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,202,687</u></u>	<u><u>2,075,889</u></u>	<u><u>(2,183,701)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,094,875</u></u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
Committed projects	195,528	-	(34,563)	148,442	309,407
	<u>595,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,563)</u>	<u>148,442</u>	<u>709,407</u>
General funds					
General fund	427,198	151,828	(25,574)	(154,334)	399,118
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,022,726</u>	<u>151,828</u>	<u>(60,137)</u>	<u>(5,892)</u>	<u>1,108,525</u>
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	85,418	4,000	(58,549)	-	30,869
AD DCC	51,049	104,000	(27,321)	(50,892)	76,836
AD GOGA	14,546	39,393	(47,893)	-	6,046
AD Walk Derbyshire	298,129	320,000	(109,221)	-	508,908
AN PH	37,567	-	(6,283)	-	31,284

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
AN NCC Walk One Step	30,000	35,000	(15,689)	-	49,311
AN NCC Walk Lead	30,976	-	(18,500)	-	12,476
AN Nott City	-	40,000	(12,150)	-	27,850
SE APT Core	-	1,016,968	(993,097)	(16,908)	6,963
SE AN Priority Places	55,327	-	(2,726)	(9,000)	43,601
SE CYP Workforce	44,739	20	(21,982)	-	22,777
SE CYP Place	64,135	-	(35,622)	-	28,513
SE CYP School Games	32,642	75,000	(34,495)	-	73,147
SE CYP School Facilities	-	60,029	(60,264)	-	(235)
SE Club Matters	21,990	22,000	(110)	-	43,880
SE TIF	1,221	336,374	(262,839)	-	74,756
SE Social Prescribing	1,516	23,400	(19,338)	-	5,578
APT Insight	198	-	(55,954)	51,805	(3,951)
APT Marketing & Comms	2,308	-	(32,553)	32,553	2,308
Funds below £20k	54,103	27,458	(26,650)	(1,666)	53,245
	<u>825,864</u>	<u>2,103,642</u>	<u>(1,841,236)</u>	<u>5,892</u>	<u>1,094,162</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,848,590</u></u>	<u><u>2,255,470</u></u>	<u><u>(1,901,373)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,202,687</u></u>

14. Purpose of funds

The specific purposes for which the restricted funds are to be applied are as follows:

AD DCC PH - This is part of the Physical Activity: Local Innovation Fund awarded by Derbyshire County Council (renamed COVID Recovery Fund). This totalled £146,000 over 3 years from 01/03/19 to 28/02/22 to support place-based working in the county. APT contributed a further £32,000 to this fund. With agreement from Derbyshire County Council, £60,000 of this fund was transferred to Walk Derbyshire. Since 01/03/19 local plans have been developed and payments made for Amber Valley, Erewash, High Peak, Northeast Derbyshire and South Derbyshire. Work is still on-going with Derbyshire Dales, Chesterfield and Bolsover.

AD Delivery DCC - This is the £144k grant from Derbyshire County Council in 2023/24 to fund Active Derbyshire's strategic lead role in the county and the development of the collaborative commissioning work.

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AD Derby City - Funding from Derby City Council towards insight work in the city. In 2024 Derby City Council have agreed to use this funding to extend the Walk Derbyshire programme into the city.

AD GOGA - Three-year funding award (April 2020 to December 2023 - extended end date) from Activity Alliance to support disabled and non-disabled people to be active together. This programme is focused on Heanor and surrounding area. It is managed by the Active Amber Valley partnership and APT, as a member of this partnership, is the accountable body for this funding award. This funding has been reconciled with funder thus this stage of this work has finished and this remaining £6k has been committed to further work in Amber Valley. An additional funding award will come from Activity Alliance in 2024/25 for additional GOGA work.

AD Walk Derbyshire - Funding from Derbyshire County Council of £825,000 for Walk Derbyshire programme from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23. APT funding will be used to extend programme over a third year i.e. up to 31/03/2025.

AN Ashfield - This funding is from Ashfield District Council and Sport England CYP funding to support some insight work into the mental health of young people in Ashfield.

AN Coach Core - A new funding award has been received from Coach Core Foundation in 2023/24 for an apprenticeship scheme for young people aged 16-24. With the agreement of Coach Core Foundation, the surplus from an earlier programme 30/09/18 - 31/08/19 has been added to the total for spend on the new programme.

AN Jigsaw Walking - Jigsaw Foundation awarded £18k over 2 years (12/22 - 12/24) to fund the appointment of a part time coordinator to consult and support residents of Jigsaw Homes to take part of local physical activities.

AN NCC Walk Lead - In 2022/23 this funding from Nottinghamshire County Council funded the costs of Ridewise to develop a shared vision for walking across Nottinghamshire. All the funding was spent and Ridewise's contract ended March 2024 and new funding from Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council will be received April 2024 to fund the Walk Notts programme until March 2026.

AN NCC One Step - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council from March 2022 to support local 'One step at a time' projects, including walking, across the county.

AN PH - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council and other local authorities in the county towards the costs of the Nottinghamshire Physical Activity Insight work, a two-year work programme from 01/04/19 to 31/03/21. Delivery of this was delayed by the pandemic. Work is still on-going in the districts in the county and it is anticipated that all funding will be drawn down when conditions are right in the place.

AN Nott City - Funding from Nottingham City Council to support the costs of a research project into future leisure provision in the city. This work is on-going.

AN SE Priority Places - Funding from Sport England 01/10/18-31/03/21 to finance the Nottingham local priority places pilot work. This project has now ended with an underspend. Sport England have agreed that the underspent can be spent in Nottingham, with their prior approval and this is on-going.

APT Core - This includes the Systemic and Governing funding from Sport England towards the core costs of Active Partners Trust, covering the employment costs of several the team plus office running costs etc. It also includes the Programme funding from Sport England which covers the employment costs of team members delivering Sport England programmes.

APT Insight - Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund insight work.

APT Marketing & Comms - Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund marketing and communications.

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SE Club Matters - Sport England funding awarded for 01/04/20 to 31/03/22 to support community sports clubs working with under-represented groups. Sport England have agreed an extended timescale for this work and work is on-going to spend this funding wisely in line with the original grant award.

SE CYP School Facilities - Funding to support schools to open their facilities for community use. Initially this funding was from Sport England. It is now from **Active Partnerships** (the national network) who were awarded a contract from the Department of Education to deliver a national Opening Schools Facilities programme through its network of Active Partnerships. APT has a three-year agreement (01/23 - 03/25) with Active Partnerships for £198.9k capacity funding to deliver the programme on their behalf in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

SE CYP - APT ended 2021/22 with an underspend in the SE funding awarded for young people activities. This underspend was carried forward into 2022/23 and is being spent year on year, added to the new SE programme funding of £75,000 received for 2023/24. APT chose to allocate it to the following work areas and allocated the funding between these headings accordingly.

SE CYP School Games - Sport England funding awarded to deliver the school games programme across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

SE CYP Insight - Sport England funding allocated to increasing insight about young people.

SE CYP Place/Community - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of new or existing activities to young people in community settings.

SE CYP Education - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of new or existing activities to young people in education settings.

SE CYP Workforce - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of CPD opportunities to people working with young people in education and community settings.

SE Ext Wf Cap & Con - Sport England funding awarded for the period of 01/07/18 to 31/03/21 for a partnership project between Sport England nationally and APT to explore ways to strengthen the relationship between local and national strategy and delivery and to connect local resource, intelligence and experience to national programme design. This was the delivery budget for this work. The funding to employ the additional post sits within APT Core.

SE Social Prescribing - Sport England Thriving Communities funding awarded from 01/10/20 to 30/09/23, extended to June 24, to host a regional physical activity advisor post to influence local commissioning strategies across local authority areas in East and West Midlands.

SE Sport Welfare - Sport England funding awarded to fund the appointment and delivery budget for two new roles: Sport Welfare Lead Derbyshire and Sport Welfare Lead Nottinghamshire. The funding award is a total of £382,200 from October 2023 to 31 March 2027. Two new team members started in the roles March 2024.

SE Workforce - Whilst not a specific Sport England requirement, APT continued to allocate a proportion of the Sport England Programme funding to support the development of workforce as detailed in APT's Workforce Development Plan.

Transfers

Transfers include reallocations within restricted funds, the clearing down of restricted fund overspends with unrestricted funds, and the further designation of unrestricted funds.

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15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	709,407	-	(16,773)	6,567	699,201
General funds	399,118	170,848	(58,090)	(19,613)	492,263
Restricted funds	1,094,162	1,905,041	(2,108,838)	13,046	903,411
	<u>2,202,687</u>	<u>2,075,889</u>	<u>(2,183,701)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at</i> <i>1 April 2022</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers</i> <i>in/out</i> £	<i>Balance at</i> <i>31 March</i> <i>2023</i> £
Designated funds	595,528	-	(34,563)	148,442	709,407
General funds	427,198	151,828	(25,574)	(154,334)	399,118
Restricted funds	825,864	2,103,642	(1,841,236)	5,892	1,094,162
	<u>1,848,590</u>	<u>2,255,470</u>	<u>(1,901,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,202,687</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	9,798	-	9,798
Fixed asset investments	956,587	-	956,587
Current assets	225,079	1,040,827	1,265,906
Creditors due within one year	-	(137,416)	(137,416)
Total	<u>1,191,464</u>	<u>903,411</u>	<u>2,094,875</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	5,325	-	5,325
Fixed asset investments	924,157	-	924,157
Current assets	179,043	1,314,979	1,494,022
Creditors due within one year	-	(220,817)	(220,817)
Total	<u><u>1,108,525</u></u>	<u><u>1,094,162</u></u>	<u><u>2,202,687</u></u>

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(107,812)</u>	<u>354,097</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,510	5,543
Increase in debtors	(41,258)	(14,775)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(83,401)	120,119
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u><u>(227,961)</u></u>	<u><u>464,984</u></u>

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	1,185,606	1,454,980
Cash on fixed term deposit	956,587	924,157
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>2,142,193</u></u>	<u><u>2,379,137</u></u>

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19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,454,980	(269,374)	1,185,606
	<u>1,454,980</u>	<u>(269,374)</u>	<u>1,185,606</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	<u>5,445</u>	<u>19,744</u>

21. Charity Status

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

22. Related party transactions

C Hart is Leader of Erewash Borough Council. During the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity received grants of £15,117 (2023: £15,117) from the council. C Hart is also Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Health & Communities. During the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity received grants of £465,000 (2023: £372,000) from the council.

D Higton is the Service Director, Place and Communities, for Nottinghamshire County Council. During the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity received grants of £60,000 (2023: £35,000) from the council.

I Freestone's spouse is employed by Bluecoat Aspley Academy. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the school received £Nil (2023: £3,548) funding via the schools facilities programme.

M Rich is an Interim Consultant at Chesterfield Borough Council. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity received grants of £14,610 (2023: £14,610) from the council.

R North was engaged to perform consultancy services for the charity during the year ended 31 March 2024 and was remunerated with £4,200 after the period end.

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**Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers
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Trustees	Derek Higton, Chair Sarah Fowler Carol Hart Louise Bainbridge Danny Bouckley Graham Feek Richard Irons (resigned 13 February 2023) Jane Laughton Mark Shardlow Christopher Hassell (appointed 30 March 2023)
Company registered number	10876876
Charity registered number	1180787
Registered office	Derby Cubo Victoria Street Derby DE1 1EQ
Senior Management Team	Ilana Freestone, Chief Executive Officer Stuart Batchelor, Strategic Director Derbyshire Kerryn Rhodes-Chamberlin, Strategic Director Nottinghamshire Margaret Blount, Head of Operations
Independent auditor	Bates Weston Audit Ltd Statutory Auditors Chartered Accountants The Mills Canal Street Derby DE1 2RJ
Bankers	Natwest Bank 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX Nationwide Building Society Kings Park Road Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6NW

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Trustees' report
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The trustees, who are directors, for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Active Partners Trust (APT) is a company limited by guarantee, registered with Companies House on 20 July 2017. It has no share capital and the liability of each member is limited to £10. We applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity in March 2018 and confirmation was received in November 2018. Minor revisions were required to the charity's objects to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Hence APT operates under the rules of its memorandum dated 20 July 2017 and articles of association dated 29 October 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited by open advertisement and appointed based on skills and experience. Trustees cannot number less than two or more than 12 and at least 25% of trustees must be independent as defined in the Code for Sports Governance. Full details of trustee recruitment, appointment and powers are detailed in the articles of association.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees meet individually with the Chief Executive and/or Chair prior to attending their first meeting. An online induction checklist is shared and discussed. This checklist links to all the key governing documents, policies, strategies, delivery plans and financial information. The annual training budget includes provision for trustees' training.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

On set up in 2017, the initial pay bands were set following a benchmarking exercise of similar roles in other Active Partnerships around the country. This information, along with the then salary scales of Derbyshire County Council and Nottingham Trent University were considered. The trustees agreed an APT Remuneration Policy on 7 May 2019. As stated in this policy, annual pay increases are not guaranteed and are not a contractual entitlement. Pay increases are considered based on an individual's performance and affordability. Proposed increases are reviewed by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the APT Board.

Organisational structure

Active Partners Trust, set up in 2017, is a single legal entity which brought together the county sports partnerships (CSPs) in Derbyshire (previously Derbyshire Sport) and Nottinghamshire (previously Sport Notts). County Sports Partnerships are now referred to as Active Partnerships.

In Derbyshire we operate under the brand 'Active Derbyshire' and in Nottinghamshire, it is 'Active Notts'. In both counties we work with organisations and networks in the county to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The responsibility for overall policy setting and strategic insight sits with the APT Board of trustees, which meets at least four times each year.

County panels were set up in 2019/20 for both Derbyshire and Notts. The terms of reference for both county panels were revised in 2022/23 to better reflect how they operate as advisory and consultative panels. Both the Active Notts panel and the Active Derbyshire panel met individually three times in 2022/23 and jointly twice. The panels are chaired by APT trustees: Active Derbyshire panel by Sarah Fowler and the Active Notts panel by Graham Feek.

The APT Audit Committee, chaired by Stephen Jackson, was set up in March 2019 to advise the trustees on finance and risk management. Its terms of reference were updated in 2022 and it was renamed the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee to better reflect its responsibilities. Four meetings of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee were held in 2022/23.

Two new sub-committees were set up by the board in 2022/23: People and Resources Committee and Nominations Committee. The establishment of both these was recommended by the external Board

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Effectiveness Review completed September 2021 and both committees are a requirement of the revised Code for Sports Governance published by Sport England and UK Sport December 2021. In 2022/23, the Nominations Committee met once and the People and Resources Committee met twice.

Code for Sports Governance

As APT is in receipt of more than £1m from Sport England we are required to meet Tier 3 of this code. The code was first launched in 2016 and APT was set up in 2017 to meet the codes requirements. A revised version of the code was published in December 2021 which included additional requirements particularly in relation to increasing the diversity of the board and leadership teams. We were required to submit documentation to evidence our compliance with the new requirements of the code by end of April 2023. Consequently the trustees have spent significant time during 2022/23 considering how best to meet the new governance requirements and reviewing and updating a number of the policies and procedures put in place in 2017 and 2018. This has been a valuable process. Sport England are assessing our submission and will feedback on any additions or changes required. We will have until February 2024 to become fully compliant with the code.

Operational Management

Day to day management and service delivery is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, Ilana Freestone. APT has 26 employees (22.8 FTE) (March 2023).

APT continues to lease a small (3 person) permanent office in Derby Cubo. In addition, an office for eight has been leased in Nottingham from BizSpace. Hot desking and meeting facilities are available to the team in both locations. During 2022/23 all but two of the team were home based however in response to feedback from the team, in 2023/24 we will be moving towards more hybrid working with team members working from home and the two office locations on a more regular basis.

Objects and aims

Through the two brands: Active Derbyshire and Active Notts, APT aims to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The formal objectives of Active Partners Trust are:

- the advancement of amateur sport and the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the co-ordination of sporting and physical activities, and/or by the provision of research and/or resources, and/or by the provision of facilities for the playing of sports
- the advancement of the education of the public in the subject of sport and physical recreation and the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, research and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in sport and physical activity
- the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation; and
- the promotion, and/or provision of facilities for, recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said persons.

Vision, purpose, strategies and activities

Sport England launched their 10-year plan 'Uniting the Movement' in January 2021. This is a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity, with a mission to tackle deep-rooted inequalities and unlock the advantage of being active for everyone.

During 2022/23 the key focus for the team and the board was to work with partners towards meeting the five shared aims of 'Making our Move – Our shared vision for Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire'. This shared plan, which was launched October 2021, outlines five shared aims and six ways of working.

We and partners are still working out the parts we can all play and how we can work together. The role APT

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played was outlined in our 2022/23 action plan and the team invested significant time in capturing the changes we were seeing in places, communities and systems as a result of our and partners' work. We have spent time analysing these changes and reflecting on any learning to take forward and share.

APT's vision, purpose and priorities:

Our vision is: working together we will address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

Our purpose is to connect, collaborate, influence and help create a culture where everyone can be active.

Our priorities are to:

Understand people and communities

Build our insight and learning with partners

Share insight and learning to inform decision making

Enable by

Creating opportunities

Developing people

Advocating and influencing for change in policy and practice

Creating conditions for change

Invest by

Seeking investment to support our work

Target resources to where they are most needed

Align existing resources

During 2022/23 APT's business plan was produced with the trustees to ensure we are a healthy, well governed organisation.

Public benefit

Across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, **one in four adults** and **one in three children** and young people are **inactive**. **One in six deaths** in the UK are a result of physical inactivity.

Being active helps more than just individuals. It benefits communities and wider society and has a knock-on effect on the environment. Through physical activity:

- People become healthier, happier and more fulfilled
- Communities feel safer, inclusive and connected
- Society is more equal, with money invested and saved in the right places
- Environments are less polluted and better appreciated by communities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

What we set out to do in 2022/23 and what we achieved

Our main funder, Sport England, funds our governance, funds us to work with and influence partners in the system in our counties and funds us to deliver programmes. Other funders are also interested in these three strands hence this report will illustrate what we have achieved and how we have done it using these three headings.

As well as this, an infographic summary of our work in each county has been produced and can be viewed on our Making our Move website www.makingourmove.org.uk

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Governance

During this year we have had a significant focus on equity, diversity and inclusion - determining what this means for us and linking this to our culture, values and behaviours. We have captured and illustrated our journey - where we started from and where we are aiming to go. The discussions and training we have had between the team, the trustees and the panel members has increased the confidence of the team to engage in conversations about equity, diversity and inclusion, both internally and externally and has informed the content of our Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP).

Our Board continued to implement improvement actions identified in our external review carried out in 2021.

Ensuring we are compliant with the revised Tier 3 Code for Sports Governance was a priority in 2022/23 and took a significant amount of time of the team and our trustees. Our Board is very supportive, informed and works well, providing the right amount of trust and challenge. We do however have three vacancies which means we are asking more of individual trustees. A priority for 2023/24 will be to recruit new trustees who meet identified skills gaps and widen our diversity of thought.

We spent time during the year working out, with our trustees, our methodology for reporting to our Board. Much of our work is complex and determining how best to illustrate this across all our work has been a challenge but we have an approach that the trustees are happy with, involving a variety of methods.

We continued to develop and refine our annual action planning process to make it more dynamic and able to be adapted during the year, based on progress and learning. Actions were reviewed and updated every six months to ensure focus of our work was relevant and we were responding to current need (rather than what we originally said we would do).

The staff survey, completed by every member of the team in January 2023, asked specific questions about culture, values and behaviours and how these are embedded within our organisation. The results were very positive and demonstrated that the team feel valued and empowered, that leadership is distributed, and that our work on values and behaviours is contributing to a supportive culture across the team.

A brief stakeholder survey was sent out end of March 2023 and we are starting to review the feedback provided and will share with trustees in the next couple of months.

Systems

Our place-based work continued to progress and we started to evidence this through understanding our relationships and network analysis. Wider system partners e.g. health, are aligning their place-based work and collectively, and in many areas, there is a momentum and desire to focus on the areas experiencing greatest inequality and to work in a systemic way - genuine collaboration, understanding the need for decisions and shaping of the work to be led by insight, co-designed and co-produced with people and communities, bringing in diversity of thought. There has been a growing recognition of what this takes and the mindsets required.

We played this systemic role in each of the 19 local authority areas across Notts and Derbyshire. We are clear and have a strong rationale for where we are focusing our energy (bespoke to each place) and we are acknowledging that this differs from place to place. We are flexible, able to adapt and we recognise that there is more opportunity than we have the capacity to develop. We were aware of where there is a need in terms of inequality but the conditions are not yet right for working in a systemic way. We have made progress in understanding what the work might look like and how we might support change in these areas. See more detail of some of this work in the sections below.

Delivery

Delivery of programmes like Together Fund, Opening Schools Facilities complemented and helped us to undertake our systemic role. The two do not sit in isolation. Our delivery work was prioritised and aligned to the places that we are working in (communities experiencing the greatest inequalities) e.g. Ashfield, Ilkeston, Killisick, Heanor.

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Our young people work has seen progress in influencing, supporting and enabling partners to gather youth voice, shape offers in response to this and to co-design opportunities and activities with young people themselves. Girls Active work, working with girls from four inner city secondary schools (three in Derby, one in Nottingham) was developed to build the confidence of young girls to become ambassadors in their school, leading on gathering insight from their cohort and co-designing their events based on this. Progress has also been made in aligning and connecting local delivery and interventions with our place-based work in focus communities e.g. Tag Tap, school games and active travel opportunities.

Systems working - How did we capture insight, lived experience and understand community needs?

Our annual data and insight packs were produced and shared widely. These contain data and information from Active Lives Surveys, DfT information, the latest census information and are used to help us and partners understand what is changing and where.

Where we and partners had gaps in our understanding of communities, we supported (and in some cases funded rather than recruit internally) the recruitment of specific posts within community organisations. These included a Young Persons Insight Officer based with the Renewal Trust in Nottingham, an Active Wellbeing Outreach Worker based with the Nottingham Muslims Women's Network. These posts and the ongoing role we have in supporting them has helped us grow our insight and understanding of people within the communities we are working with.

Through our internal reporting process, we became better at capturing resident voice and what we are hearing from communities. We are now working on how we use this insight to inform action and influence decision-making across the system and trying different ways of doing this. There is often a time-lag between capturing information, making sense of it and then using it to inform the work/action. We are thinking about how we can act more in real time.

There is a national directive for Integrated Care Systems to listen and engage communities so this is energy amongst system partners to work out how best to use lived experience and resident voice to inform the work and influence decision making. We capitalised on this. For example, in Derbyshire we started working with colleagues in the Integrated Care System (ICS) to develop an insight framework. There is growing appreciation of why this is important across the system and both the system and communities are involved in developing the framework, benchmarking where we are currently at, with a view of understanding and prioritising the improvement needed.

The community engagement work which was carried out in Derby as part of the Active Through Football programme is being used to inform the Derbyshire health inequality work and this is recognised by Derbyshire Health Inequality Partnership as emerging good practice.

Our inclusive communications work helped to grow our understanding of people and communities and this was shared with a range of partners through our Talking Space sessions around accessible communications. Ramadan Recharge was a community engagement project that worked with leaders from the Muslim community in Derby to support residents to think about how they could be active through Ramadan (March 2023) and/or set goals for being active as part of their religious goal setting process. We have seen the team grow in confidence in their relationships and connections with ethnically diverse communities and build trusted relationships.

Our Walk Derbyshire programme has facilitated workshops in each district, bringing together a range of people and organisations (planners, community safety, parks officers etc.) to share their understanding of lived experience and personal stories. This work has moved beyond establishing walking groups to addressing how the system and environment enables or inhibits everyday walking.

In both Derby and Nottingham, the PlayZones work provided the opportunity to engage with and gather insight from young people in the communities where the sites are proposed. This is being used to identify the next steps for PlayZones, including site identification and priorities. We are leading the Consortium in Nottingham and have integrated this work into a wider existing Active Through Football Consortium in Derby.

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During the year we played a facilitation role in various learning spaces across our patch, with a view to enhancing local insight - this is the work of the place team and there are numerous examples from every place. For example, we facilitated the Young People's Learning Space and as part of that, shared insight from the Girls Active work. In addition, we worked with Deputy SENCO at Woodlands School, Derby to support pupils who are deaf or hard of hearing and this involved facilitating a pupil voice engagement session.

Systems working - How did we work with System Partners?

We have learnt that sometimes the barriers to moving more and being active inadvertently lie within policies that exist or the way services are designed and delivered. We are realising that we can do more to ensure that policies and strategies facilitate and support active lifestyles and we are being more explicit in identifying where we see policies/strategies etc. that are holding the problem of inactivity in place.

We have made progress on influencing policy and practice in each of our 19 local authorities (at district and county level). Our work resonates and it is easier to gain traction in some areas more than others, depending on the conditions in a place. Below are a couple of examples:

The Move More High Peak Plan was launched recently and is reflective of Making Our Move and the ways of working we believe are required to tackle inequality. This strategic alignment is informing discussions around resource allocation and the adoption of a strength-based approach within the wider Place Alliance work. We have seen and influenced a growing sense of the need for community engagement and lived experience across the health landscape in High Peak. The health partnership is moving towards a community wellness model and a set of principles based on understanding lived experience, co-production, strength / asset-based approaches and place-based working. Learning from Move More High Peak work is influencing this.

In Bolsover, we are now in the position where the value of physical activity is recognised by the other North East Derbyshire & Bolsover (NEDB) strategic partnerships. The NEDB Place Alliance Working group (which is the district level Integrated Care structure) has proposed the following:

- Take the opportunity to embed physical activity in other Place Alliance work strands i.e. Living Well, Ageing Well
- Place Alliance representatives to regularly attend district physical activity conversations.
- Create an opportunity to connect with patient facing health professionals to explore physical activity messages and understand local experiences.
- Share community voice and lived experience.
- Identify and work with GP practices to launch Active Practices locally.

Exploring the strategic position of physical activity across Bolsover with the Head of Leisure has been instrumental in influencing the need for a new strategy and the approach to developing this. An openness to explore new, shared strategic priorities led to developing a proposal for a Strategic Outcomes Planning guidance (SOPG) work and reinvigorating the Active Bolsover group.

In Nottingham City we have used Making Our Move (the plan to tackle inequality and inactivity and our data and insight, to influence the latest draft of Nottingham's Eating and Moving for Good Health strategy. This is a key component of the Health and Wellbeing strategy and aligns to the Place-based partnership strategy. As part of this, we influenced the education and communities workstream and took on a lead role in the Moving for Good Health workstream. We supported wider partners and Public Health to deliver a workshop and develop a new network of wider system partners to progress this work further.

In Derbyshire we started to work with Derbyshire County Council Public Health team to change the way that physical activity interventions are commissioned. We are in the development phase of this work but the intention is to move to more of a collaborative, co-designed, place-based model. One that is much more targeted and able to tackle inequality than the current funding model.

Throughout both counties our key areas of influence included:

- Embedding Making Our Move and the principles/ways of working in wider place work and local strategies, particularly amongst health partners.

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- Influencing the system to recognise the importance of understanding and connecting lived experience to inform strategy, policy and practice etc.
- Influencing system partners to co-design services, interventions and opportunities with communities.

Systems working - How did we collaborate during the year?

Connections and collaborations align programmes and bring people together to develop ideas/shared vision, insight, intelligence to inform action. This results in physical activity being embedded more broadly within the work of partners and the wider system. To support partners who are or want to work in this way, we organised a programme of six online systems leadership training sessions, delivered by the Leadership Centre, all of which have been attended by over 70 partners.

We played and continue to play a connector and convenor role in each of the 19 local authority areas across Derbyshire and Notts.

Examples include:

- Erewash Health and Wellbeing work resulted in additional aligned resource for community activators.
- Broxtowe Stapleford walking project connected with independent living/housing and food insecurity project, incorporating physical activity into the food hub structure.
- Age friendly Carlton campaign in Gedling which involves ourselves, Adult Social Care and local shops in helping older people get out more, linked to green social prescribing and bench to bench walks.

Collaboration with young people organisations progressed better at county/unitary authority level than at district. Connecting with Locality Children's Partnerships has been difficult. The recent introduction of Opening Schools Facilities (OSF) helped this and small shoots are emerging e.g. in Chesterfield and work with Derby Family Hubs' transformational programme. Another example was the children and young people work in Derby City including Girls Active work. A range of partners have been brought together and they identified shared priorities, recognising where physical activity can play a role in community funded activity.

We have used Sport England's Together Fund to facilitate new connections and collaborations) with us and between partners. For example, we helped Cycle Derby connect with the charity Upbeat Communities to deliver a programme of activity for refugees and asylum seekers.

We have observed examples of how increased connectivity is, in turn, helping to increase the diverse range of perspectives feeding into system structures and discussions to tackle inequality. Our work in High Peak has actively connected resident facing roles into networks, bringing to the fore the voice of those, in the community, who experienced inequality.

In Mansfield we connected a range of partners and the lifestyle service provider, ABL, to develop a shared understanding of workforce requirements needed to tackle inequality.

In Chesterfield, we have brought together leisure, housing, community safety and policy teams to develop a shared understanding and vision based on Making our Move. This has enabled the system to work more collaboratively on shared agendas and shared outcomes. We believe this will have a greater impact on narrowing inequality than if the component parts operated separately and independently.

Capacity is required to create collaboration, networks and to connect partners and sectors that would not otherwise cross over. The convening role we play across all districts requires strong facilitation skills to develop a shared understanding and vision. This needs to work across various levels of the system. The connections we have developed are broad and extensive. We have focused in 2022/23 on growing and broadening our networks and relationships, particularly those connecting to ethnically diverse communities, who are more likely to be inactive.

Connections do not always show the potential for change straight away and we can be left with the 'so what?' question. There is a sequence of work/activity before we see evidence of aligning resources across the system to tackle inequalities. In the Chesterfield example above, partners are brought in and we are developing shared understanding and ways of working but it will still take time before we see evidence of tangible

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outputs/outcomes.

Having specific programmes (e.g. Together Fund, Opening School Facilities, Walk Derbyshire) has helped to grow connections and opportunities and how we used that funding to support the shared aims and approach set out in Making Our Move was key.

How are we becoming a better organisation?

As well as our focus on improving our governance, our action planning and our data capture, we have also recruited Leeds Beckett University as our evaluation partner for the duration of this funding cycle, up to March 2027. This will allow some deep dive evaluation work through embedded PhD students.

In addition, we have recently re-commissioned Press Red to be our insight partner to deliver our insight functions. We have found that working with a partner such as Press Red gives us a broader range of skills and expertise in this area than we could achieve through an individual employed within our team.

We have spent time reviewing our approach to building our networks, understanding where the strengths and gaps are within each place and across each theme. As part of this, we took time to understand and reflect on individual relationships, how strong they are and the potential and opportunity to create change. This led to a revision of our stakeholder plan.

We also spent time as a whole team reflecting on the different ways of leading in complexity and learning about when to lead from the front and when to step back, acknowledging the local circumstances and conditions appropriate to the different approaches. As part of this the whole team participated in some systems leadership training. This has developed the confidence of the team to lead in complexity and safe spaces have been created internally to develop and reflect further on how we apply this. We continued to invest time in diversity training, with the majority of team participating in the Sport England funded Leading for Renewal diversity and inclusion training programme.

New Funding Awards

New applications submitted and new Sport England funding awarded to APT for:

- Development of a **Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance** for Nottingham City Council. Sport England have awarded APT £15,000 to match £25,000 from Nottingham City Council to fund the appointment of consultants to carry out this time limited project. The Sport England award was made in October 2022 and is due to be spent by April 2023.
- **Together Fund**. We applied for and were successful in gaining a variation to the award of £261k received in 2021/22. An additional £75k was awarded in January 2023, to be allocated to community based projects by end of March 2023.

New funding awards from other funders are:

- **Jigsaw Foundation** awarded £18k over 2 years (12/22 -12/24) to fund the appointment of a part time coordinator to consult and support residents of Jigsaw Homes to take part of local physical activities.
- **Active Partnerships** (the national network) was awarded a contract from the Department of Education to deliver a national Opening Schools Facilities programme through its network of Active Partnerships. APT has a three-year agreement (01/23-03/25) with Active Partnerships for £198.9k capacity funding to deliver the programme on their behalf in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.
- £7k over 2 years (08/22-03/24) from **Mind** to lead on an East Midlands Regional Network.
- Additional funding of £35k was awarded by **Nottinghamshire County Council** for the One Step at a Time

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development group, of which APT is a member and award recipient on behalf of the group. The development group is a partnership of organisations working to support anxious and frail residents to go out of their homes and take part in activities. This extension to the previous award is to be spent between 01/23 and 12/23.

Performance measurement

Evaluating the impact of the work of the team against APT's objectives and priorities is complex. Much of the work that the team does cannot be measured numerically.

Sport England introduced an interim reporting framework for Active Partnerships and other system partners. Two 6th monthly reports have been submitted. In these reports we were asked to describe what changes we have seen as a result of our work, our progress and our impact in relation to the shared aims and ways of working detailed in 'Making our Move'.

As a whole team, we have captured our progress against our actions in the annual action plan on a quarterly basis, recording the changes we have seen and what has helped or hindered change happen. As a result of this and the whole team days each quarter to reflect on what is being captured, key themes, gaps etc, the quality of the capture and the understanding of the process by the team has greatly improved.

The information captured is used to feed into the Sport England reports and reports to the Board.

In addition, we continue to capture, record and share changes we see in the following ways:

- Learning logs – kept by APT team members and partners working on collaborative projects,
- Partner feedback- informal and formal. A partner survey was developed and was sent out April 2023.
- A culture of asking for feedback either verbally or by email following key internal and external discussions. Responses are logged and shared.
- Case study videos published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts YouTube channels and Making our Move website.
- Talking Insight podcasts published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.

Financial review

In 2022/23, Sport England was the main funder with funding received in 2022/23 (all restricted) for

	Award Term
• Systemic & Governing funding	04/22 - 03/27
• Programme funding incl, School Games & extended workforce	04/22 - 03/25
• Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance	10/22 – 04/23
• Together Fund (variation of award)	01/23 – 03/23
• Club Matters Local	06/20 – 03/22
• Thriving Communities	10/20 - 09/23

Local Authority funding, both project specific (restricted) and for core services (designated to location) is the next largest source of funding.

Core funding from Derbyshire County Council of £104k, for restricted spend in Derbyshire, was received for 2022/23. The annual Funding Partner fees from Derby City Council and the District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire were also received (£134.6k). This funding was designated for spend in Derby and Derbyshire.

A new SLA was signed with Derbyshire County Council for £825k from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23 for Walk Derbyshire and £320k of this was received in 2022/23.

Restricted funding of £35k was awarded by Nottinghamshire County Council for the One Step at a Time

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programme. All of this funding is to be allocated towards activities in the community. £25k was received from Nottingham City Council as their contribution to the costs of the consultants engaged to carry out the Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance work.

The possible loss of any local authority funding in the future, is recognised as an amber risk in the APT risk register and actions are in place to mitigate this risk. This includes maintaining close relationships with key individuals to identify any issues early and by developing our relationships with departments delivering statutory responsibilities as well as with leisure departments (non-statutory).

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee met four times during the year to review the management accounts for 2022/23 and draft 2023/24 budget before these were presented to the Board. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee also reviewed the following documents during the year before recommending Board approval:

- 2021/22 Audit Report and Management Issues
- Reserves Policy
- Investment Policy
- Anti-financial Crime and Anti-corruption Policy (new policy)
- Business Continuity Policy (new policy)
- Risk Register
- Financial Regulations
- 4-year budget projection from 04/23 to 03/27
- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference

As at the end of the 2022/23 financial year the total amount of funds the charity holds is £2,202,687. Of this £1,108,525 is held in unrestricted funds and £1,094,162 is held in restricted funds.

Going forward into 2023/24 APT is in a relatively good position financially with Sport England systemic and governance role funding agreed until 03/27 and programme funding agreed until 03/25. However with a fixed income to cover APT's core systemic and governance costs, increasing inflation rates may present challenges in future years, particularly in relation to employment costs.

Policy on reserves

Active Partners Trust was set up in July 2017 from the joining up of two existing organisations, Derbyshire Sport and Sports Notts. Both organisations held restricted and unrestricted reserves at the date of transfer. The first 20 months of operation was a period of transition, research and planning hence during this time, delivery expenditure was less than anticipated, thus reserves increased. These reserves further increased due to the COVID pandemic, as this had a significant impact on the team's ability to spend funding during 2020/21. 2022/23 has seen a return to more normal ways of working and the team have been able to take forward work funded through reserves.

The unrestricted fund total figure shown in the 2022/23 Financial Activities statement is £1,108,525 and covers the amount required for a sinking fund together with a number of additional planned expenditures required to deliver the strategy and vision over the next four years (up to March 2027).

The Reserves Policy was reviewed and agreed by the Board of trustees on 8 December 2022. It was agreed that a cash sinking fund must be available at a level to cover costs which would arise if a decision to cease operations needed to be taken by the APT board, including the costs of:

- terminating employment contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- terminating service provider contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- settling any unexpired period of office lease, if applicable
- settling any contractual service delivery payments.

The sinking fund at 31st March 2023 is £400,000.

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During 2021/22 we developed, with partners, the shared plan 'Making our Move', and determined the priorities for future years. Based on the priorities identified, the following new expenditure was planned or committed to March 2027. During 2022/23 progress was made against all these areas and unrestricted reserves are starting to be spent as planned.

Development of a new APT website - this work happened in 2022/23 and now is complete.

Engagement of an APT evaluation partner - an evaluation partner Leeds Beckett University has been appointed and a SLA is in place.

Appointment of FT Diversity and Inclusion Lead - a successful appointment has been made to this new role on a three year contract.

Funding for a number of Learning/Sharing/Celebration events – no expenditure took place in 2022/23 but planning started for county celebration events which will take place October 2023.

Funding systems leadership training for system partners. A online system leadership programme was commissioned and has taken place. Planning is now underway for further system leadership training in 2023/24.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Active Partners Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 13 December 2023

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Active Partners Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Active Partners Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and industry in which it operates, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk

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increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wayne Thomas ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bates Weston Audit Ltd

Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants

The Mills

Canal Street

Derby

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Date: 19 December 2023

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	134,626	1,339,625	1,474,251	943,238
Charitable activities	3	1,953	764,017	765,970	1,283,581
Investments		15,249	-	15,249	3,840
Total income		<u>151,828</u>	<u>2,103,642</u>	<u>2,255,470</u>	<u>2,230,659</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	60,137	1,841,236	1,901,373	2,039,902
Total expenditure		<u>60,137</u>	<u>1,841,236</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>	<u>2,039,902</u>
Net income		<u>91,691</u>	<u>262,406</u>	<u>354,097</u>	<u>190,757</u>
Transfers between funds	13	(5,892)	5,892	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>85,799</u>	<u>268,298</u>	<u>354,097</u>	<u>190,757</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,022,726	825,864	1,848,590	1,657,833
Net movement in funds		85,799	268,298	354,097	190,757
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,108,525</u>	<u>1,094,162</u>	<u>2,202,687</u>	<u>1,848,590</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	5,325	6,588
Investments	10	924,157	908,907
		929,482	915,495
Current assets			
Debtors	11	39,042	24,267
Cash at bank and in hand		1,454,980	1,009,526
		1,494,022	1,033,793
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(220,817)	(100,698)
		1,273,205	933,095
Net current assets		1,273,205	933,095
Total net assets		2,202,687	1,848,590
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	1,094,162	825,864
Unrestricted funds	13	1,108,525	1,022,726
Total funds		2,202,687	1,848,590

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 13 December 2023

The notes on pages 19 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	464,984	170,399
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(4,280)	(7,411)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(4,280)	(7,411)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	460,704	162,988
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,918,433	1,755,445
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2,379,137	1,918,433
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The notes on pages 19 to 34 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Active Partners Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

No material uncertainties exist regarding going concern.

1.3 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable unless future performance-related conditions are specified that have not been met. Grants received before the income recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 33.3% straight line
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1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funding partners to support activities carried out by the charity during the period.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Government grants				
Derby City Council	25,056	-	25,056	25,056
Amber Valley Borough Council	15,701	-	15,701	15,701
Erewash Borough Council	15,117	-	15,117	15,117
South Derbyshire District Council	12,191	-	12,191	12,191
Derbyshire County Council	-	104,000	104,000	104,000
High Peak Borough Council	13,603	-	13,603	13,603
Derbyshire Dales District Council	11,823	-	11,823	11,823
Chesterfield Borough Council	14,610	-	14,610	14,610
North East Derbyshire District Council	14,450	-	14,450	14,450
Bolsover District Council	12,075	-	12,075	12,075
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	-	-	13,125
Total government grants	134,626	104,000	238,626	251,751
Other grants	-	1,235,625	1,235,625	691,487
Total 2023	134,626	1,339,625	1,474,251	943,238
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>147,751</i>	<i>795,487</i>	<i>943,238</i>	

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants	-	762,498	762,498	1,212,714
Training fees	1,775	20	1,795	23,620
Other fees	178	1,499	1,677	47,247
Total 2023	1,953	764,017	765,970	1,283,581

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**Notes to the financial statements
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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Young people's participation	7,379	318,949	326,328	736,576
Place based work	8,951	366,278	375,229	295,380
Priority group support & advocacy	21,735	617,510	639,245	419,030
Workforce development	8,649	222,160	230,809	301,143
Insight	13,423	316,339	329,762	287,773
	<u>60,137</u>	<u>1,841,236</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>	<u>2,039,902</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Young people's participation	110,841	215,487	326,328	736,576
Place based work	71,638	303,591	375,229	295,380
Priority group support & advocacy	343,043	296,202	639,245	419,030
Workforce development	36,676	194,133	230,809	301,143
Insight	100,730	229,032	329,762	287,773
	<u>662,928</u>	<u>1,238,445</u>	<u>1,901,373</u>	<u>2,039,902</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>895,998</u>	<u>1,143,904</u>	<u>2,039,902</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	990,998	951,980
Premises and IT	122,464	101,069
Consultancy	70,789	35,230
Marketing	54,194	45,073
Governance	-	11,300
Project costs	-	(748)
	<u>1,238,445</u>	<u>1,143,904</u>

Support costs are allocated in proportion to overall staff time spent on each activity.

6. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £7,500 (2022 - £7,200).

7. Staff costs

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Wages and salaries	850,623	825,057
Social security costs	89,786	78,454
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	50,589	48,469
	<u>990,998</u>	<u>951,980</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023	<i>2022</i>
Average number of employees	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>

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7. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-

The roles within the senior management team are as listed in the reference and administrative section on page 1.

The total employee benefits of the senior management team of the charity were £238,780 (2022 - £255,700).

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	26,679
Additions	4,280
Disposals	(716)
At 31 March 2023	30,243
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	20,091
Charge for the year	5,543
On disposals	(716)
At 31 March 2023	24,918
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	5,325
At 31 March 2022	6,588

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10. Fixed asset investments

	Fixed term deposits £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	908,907
Additions	15,250
At 31 March 2023	<u>924,157</u>

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	33,311	15,620
Prepayments and accrued income	5,731	8,647
	<u>39,042</u>	<u>24,267</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	119,014	37,827
Other taxation and social security	39,945	18,642
Other creditors	8,029	-
Accrued expenses	53,829	44,229
	<u>220,817</u>	<u>100,698</u>

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
Committed projects	195,528	-	(34,563)	148,442	309,407
	<u>595,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,563)</u>	<u>148,442</u>	<u>709,407</u>
General funds					
General fund	427,198	151,828	(25,574)	(154,334)	399,118
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,022,726</u>	<u>151,828</u>	<u>(60,137)</u>	<u>(5,892)</u>	<u>1,108,525</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	85,418	4,000	(58,549)	-	30,869
AD DCC	51,049	104,000	(27,321)	(50,892)	76,836
AD GOGA	14,546	39,393	(47,893)	-	6,046
AD Walk Derbyshire	298,129	320,000	(109,221)	-	508,908
AN PH	37,567	-	(6,283)	-	31,284
AN NCC Walk One Step	30,000	35,000	(15,689)	-	49,311
AN NCC Walk Lead	30,976	-	(18,500)	-	12,476
AN Nott City	-	40,000	(12,150)	-	27,850
SE APT Core	-	1,016,968	(993,097)	(16,908)	6,963
SE AN Priority Places	55,327	-	(2,726)	(9,000)	43,601
SE CYP Workforce	44,739	20	(21,982)	-	22,777
SE CYP Place	64,135	-	(35,622)	-	28,513
SE CYP School Games	32,642	75,000	(34,495)	-	73,147
SE CYP School Facilities	-	60,029	(60,264)	-	(235)
SE Club Matters	21,990	22,000	(110)	-	43,880
SE TIF	1,221	336,374	(262,839)	-	74,756
SE Social Prescribing	1,516	23,400	(19,338)	-	5,578
APT Insight	198	-	(55,954)	51,805	(3,951)

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
APT Marketing & Comms	2,308	-	(32,553)	32,553	2,308
Funds below £15k	54,103	27,458	(26,650)	(1,666)	53,245
	<u>825,864</u>	<u>2,103,642</u>	<u>(1,841,236)</u>	<u>5,892</u>	<u>1,094,162</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,848,590</u></u>	<u><u>2,255,470</u></u>	<u><u>(1,901,373)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,202,687</u></u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Income £</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure £</i>	<i>As restated Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	350,000	-	-	50,000	400,000
Committed projects	180,448	5,608	(27,528)	37,000	195,528
	<u>530,448</u>	<u>5,608</u>	<u>(27,528)</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>595,528</u>
General funds					
General fund	507,395	164,395	(20,236)	(224,356)	427,198
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,037,843</u>	<u>170,003</u>	<u>(47,764)</u>	<u>(137,356)</u>	<u>1,022,726</u>
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	171,994	-	(26,576)	(60,000)	85,418
AD DCC	5,407	104,000	(58,358)	-	51,049
AD GOGA	28,687	41,248	(55,389)	-	14,546
AD Walk Derbyshire	-	185,000	(1,871)	115,000	298,129
AN PH	39,322	5,000	(6,755)	-	37,567

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021</i>	<i>As restated Income</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure</i>	<i>As restated Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
AN NCC Walk One Step	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
AN NCC Walk Lead	-	30,976	-	-	30,976
SE CYP School Games	21,810	76,690	(65,858)	-	32,642
SE APT Core	36,356	917,640	(934,244)	(19,752)	-
SE AN Priority Places	55,327	-	-	-	55,327
SE CYP Workforce	43,870	46,800	(45,931)	-	44,739
SE CYP Place	121	138,000	(73,986)	-	64,135
SE CYP Dfe	14,612	-	(8,659)	-	5,953
SE CYP School Facilities	(937)	393,975	(386,826)	(6,212)	-
SE CYP Insight	-	17,000	(3,780)	-	13,220
SE Club Matters	25,988	38,246	(42,244)	-	21,990
SE TIF	85,336	-	(84,115)	-	1,221
SE Social Prescribing	14,181	19,080	(32,565)	820	1,516
APT Insight	-	-	(67,302)	67,500	198
APT Marketing & Comms	2,216	-	(39,908)	40,000	2,308
Funds below £15k	75,700	17,001	(57,771)	-	34,930
	<u>619,990</u>	<u>2,060,656</u>	<u>(1,992,138)</u>	<u>137,356</u>	<u>825,864</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,657,833</u></u>	<u><u>2,230,659</u></u>	<u><u>(2,039,902)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,848,590</u></u>

14. Purpose of funds

The specific purposes for which the restricted funds are to be applied are as follows:

AD DCC PH - This is part of the Physical Activity: Local Innovation Fund awarded by Derbyshire County Council (renamed COVID Recovery Fund). This totalled £146,000 over 3 years from 01/03/19 to 28/02/22 to support place-based working in the county. APT contributed a further £32,000 to this fund. With agreement from Derbyshire County Council, £60,000 of this fund was transferred to Walk Derbyshire. Since 01/03/19 local plans have been developed and payments made for Amber Valley, Erewash, High Peak, Northeast Derbyshire and South Derbyshire. Work is still on-going with Derbyshire Dales, Chesterfield and Bolsover.

AD DCC - Funding from Derbyshire County Council to support the development and delivery of physical activity programmes designed to address the public health priority of increasing physical activity levels across Derbyshire.

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This fund was inaccurately reflected as unrestricted in the prior period financial statements instead of a restricted fund. A prior year adjustment was made to reclassify the comparative balance and related transactions. The adjustment increased restricted funds by £5,407 at 1 April 2021, increased restricted income by £104,000, increased restricted expenditure by £58,358, and increased restricted funds at 31 March 2022 by £51,049. Unrestricted fund balances and transactions decreased by the same.

AD Derby City - Funding from Derby City Council towards insight work in the city.

AD GOGA - Three-year funding award (April 2020 to December 2023 – extended end date) from Activity Alliance to support disabled and non-disabled people to be active together. This programme is focused on Heanor and surrounding area. It is managed by the Active Amber Valley partnership and APT, as a member of this partnership, is the accountable body for this funding award.

AD Walk Derbyshire - Funding from Derbyshire County Council of £825,000 for Walk Derbyshire programme from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23. APT funding will be used to extend programme over a third year i.e. up to 31/03/2025.

AN Coach Core - Funding award from the Royal Foundation for a Nottinghamshire Coach Core programme: an apprenticeship scheme for young people aged 16-24. The funding was to support Coach Core employers and the grant period was 30/09/18 to 31/08/19. Royal Foundation are aware of the underspend. Plans in place to start a new Coach Core programme in Newark and Sherwood District in 2023/24.

AN Jigsaw Walking - Jigsaw Foundation awarded £18k over 2 years (12/22 -12/24) to fund the appointment of a part time coordinator to consult and support residents of Jigsaw Homes to take part of local physical activities.

AN NCC LIS - Underspend of funding from Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme for training for volunteers working in physical activity and sport in Nottinghamshire. This initially was a three-year funding agreement from 01/07/18 to 30/06/21 but was extended for a further 9 months from 01/07/21 to 31/03/22.

AN NCC Walk Lead - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council Social Recovery Fund £30,976 awarded 10/03/22 to develop a shared vision for walking across Nottinghamshire. Ridewise was commissioned to do this exploratory work and their contract ends August 2023 when all funding will be spent.

AN NCC One Step - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council from March 2022 to support local 'One step at a time' projects, including walking across the county.

AN PH - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council and other local authorities in the county towards the costs of the Nottinghamshire Physical Activity Insight work, a two-year work programme from 01/04/19 to 31/03/21. Delivery of this was delayed by the pandemic. Work is still on-going in the districts in the county and it is anticipated that all funding will be drawn down.

AN Nott City - Funding from Nottingham City Council to support the costs of a research project into future leisure provision in the city.

AN SE Priority Places - Funding from Sport England 01/10/18-31/03/21 to finance the Nottingham local priority places pilot work. This project has now ended with an underspend. Sport England have agreed that the underspent can be spent in Nottingham, with their prior approval.

APT Core - This includes the Systemic and Governing funding from Sport England towards the core costs of Active Partners Trust, covering the employment costs of several the team plus office running costs etc. It also includes the Programme funding from Sport England which covers the employment costs of team members delivering Sport England programmes

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APT Insight - Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund insight work.

APT Marketing & Comms - Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund marketing and communications.

APT Mind - £7k over 2 years (08/22-03/24) from **Mind** to lead on an East Midlands Regional Network.

SE Club Matters - Sport England funding awarded for 01/04/20 to 31/03/22 to support community sports clubs working with under-represented groups. Sport England have agreed an extended timescale this work.

SE CYP DFE - Sport England funding awarded for 01/09/20 to 31/03/21 to fund the development of young volunteers, leader and coaches to support school and community-based sport activity. Sport England have agreed this funding can be spent up to 31/03/23.

SE CYP School Facilities - Funding to support schools to open their facilities for community use. Initially this funding was from Sport England. It is now from **Active Partnerships** (the national network) who were awarded a contract from the Department of Education to deliver a national Opening Schools Facilities programme through its network of Active Partnerships. APT has a three-year agreement (01/23-03/25) with Active Partnerships for £198.9k capacity funding to deliver the programme on their behalf in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

SE CYP - APT ended 2021/22 with an underspend in the SE funding (£459,925) awarded for young people activities. This underspend was carried forward into 2022/23 and added to the new SE programme funding of £75,000 received for 2022/23. APT chose to allocate it to the following work areas and allocated the funding between these headings accordingly

SE CYP School Games - Sport England funding awarded to deliver the school games programme across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

SE CYP Insight - Sport England funding allocated to increasing insight about young people.

SE CYP Place - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of new or existing activities to young people in community settings.

SE CYP Workforce - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of CPD opportunities to people working with young people in education and community settings.

SE Ext Wf Cap & Con - Sport England funding awarded for the period of 01/07/18 to 31/03/21 for a partnership project between Sport England nationally and APT to explore ways to strengthen the relationship between local and national strategy and delivery and to connect local resource, intelligence and experience to national programme design. This was the delivery budget for this work. The funding to employ the additional post sits within APT Core.

SE Social Prescribing - Sport England Thriving Communities funding awarded from 01/10/20 to 30/09/23 to host a regional physical activity advisor post to influence local commissioning strategies across local authority areas in East and West Midlands.

SE TOG - Sport England Together Fund (07/05/20 to 31/03/22) introduced as part of its COVID support and recovery. It became the Together Fund and an application was submitted for the 'final round' in January 2023. An additional £75k was awarded to be allocated to community based projects by end of March 2023.

SE Workforce - Whilst not a specific Sport England requirement, APT continued to allocate a proportion of the Sport England Programme funding to support the development of workforce as detailed in APT's Workforce Development Plan.

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Transfers

Transfers include reallocations within restricted funds, the clearing down of restricted fund overspends with unrestricted funds, and the further designation of unrestricted funds.

15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Designated funds	595,528	-	(34,563)	148,442	709,407
General funds	427,198	151,828	(25,574)	(154,334)	399,118
Restricted funds	825,864	2,103,642	(1,841,236)	5,892	1,094,162
	<u>1,848,590</u>	<u>2,255,470</u>	<u>(1,901,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,202,687</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Income £</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure £</i>	<i>As restated Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
Designated funds	530,448	5,608	(27,528)	87,000	595,528
General funds	507,395	164,395	(20,236)	(224,356)	427,198
Restricted funds	619,990	2,060,656	(1,992,138)	137,356	825,864
	<u>1,657,833</u>	<u>2,230,659</u>	<u>(2,039,902)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,848,590</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,325	-	5,325
Fixed asset investments	924,157	-	924,157
Current assets	179,043	1,314,979	1,494,022
Creditors due within one year	-	(220,817)	(220,817)
Total	<u>1,108,525</u>	<u>1,094,162</u>	<u>2,202,687</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>As restated Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>As restated Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	6,588	-	6,588
Fixed asset investments	908,907	-	908,907
Current assets	161,136	872,657	1,033,793
Creditors due within one year	(2,856)	(97,842)	(100,698)
Total	<u><u>1,073,775</u></u>	<u><u>774,815</u></u>	<u><u>1,848,590</u></u>

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>354,097</u>	<u>190,757</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	5,543	6,010
Movement in debtors	(14,775)	7,568
Movement in creditors	120,119	(33,936)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>464,984</u></u>	<u><u>170,399</u></u>

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	1,454,980	1,009,526
Cash on fixed term deposit	924,157	908,907
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>2,379,137</u></u>	<u><u>1,918,433</u></u>

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19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,009,526	445,454	1,454,980
	<u>1,009,526</u>	<u>445,454</u>	<u>1,454,980</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	19,744	2,372
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	2,372
	<u>19,744</u>	<u>4,744</u>

21. Charity Status

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

22. Related party transactions

C Hart is Leader of Erewash Borough Council. During the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity received grants of £15,117 (2022: £15,117) from the council. Payments totalling £Nil (2022: £380) were made to the council for the purchase of equipment and volunteer training. C Hart is also Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Health & Communities. During the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity received grants of £372,000 (2022: £289,000) from the council. Payments totalling £Nil (2022: £45,375) were made to the council for support in the opening of school facilities.

D Higon is the Service Director, Place and Communities, for Nottinghamshire County Council. During the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity received grants of £Nil (2022: £74,101) from the council.

G Feek is Executive Director of Greenwood Academies Trust. During the year ended 31 March 2023, two schools in the Academy Trust received £Nil (2022: £15,875) funding via the schools facilities programme. Payments totalling £177 (2022: £Nil) were made for the hire of basketball courts.

I Freestone's spouse is employed by Bluecoat Aspley Academy. During the year ended 31 March 2023, the school received £3,548 (2022: £Nil) funding via the schools facilities programme.

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Trustees' report and financial statements
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**Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers
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Trustees	Derek Higton, Chair Sarah Fowler Carol Hart Louise Bainbridge Danny Bouckley Graham Feek Richard Irons Jane Laughton Mark Shardlow
Company registered number	10876876
Charity registered number	1180787
Registered office	Derby Cubo Victoria Street Derby DE1 1EQ
Senior Management Team	Ilana Freestone, Chief Executive Officer Stuart Batchelor, Strategic Director Derbyshire Kerryn Rhodes-Chamberlin, Strategic Director Nottinghamshire Margaret Blount, Head of Operations
Independent auditor	Bates Weston Audit Ltd Statutory Auditors Chartered Accountants The Mills Canal Street Derby DE1 2RJ
Bankers	Natwest Bank 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX Nationwide Building Society Kings Park Road Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6NW

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Trustees' report
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The trustees, who are directors, for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Active Partners Trust (APT) is a company limited by guarantee, registered with Companies House on 20 July 2017. It has no share capital and the liability of each member is limited to £10. We applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity in March 2018 and confirmation was received in November 2018. Minor revisions were required to the charity's objects to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Hence APT operates under the rules of its memorandum dated 20 July 2017 and articles of association dated 29 October 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited by open advertisement and appointed based on skills and experience. Trustees cannot number less than two or more than 12 and at least 25% of trustees must be independent as defined in the Code for Sports Governance. Full details of trustee recruitment, appointment and powers are detailed in the articles of association.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees meet individually with the Chief Executive and/or Chair prior to attending their first meeting. An online induction checklist is shared and discussed. This checklist links to all the key governing documents, policies, strategies, delivery plans and financial information. The annual training budget includes provision for trustees' training.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

On set up in 2017, the initial pay bands were set following a benchmarking exercise of similar roles in other Active Partnerships around the country. This information, along with the then salary scales of Derbyshire County Council and Nottingham Trent University were considered. The trustees agreed an APT Remuneration Policy on 7 May 2019. As stated in this policy, annual pay increases are not guaranteed and are not a contractual entitlement. Pay increases are considered based on an individual's performance and affordability. Proposed increases are reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the APT Board.

Organisational structure

Active Partners Trust, set up in 2017, is a single legal entity which brought together the county sports partnerships (CSPs) in Derbyshire (previously Derbyshire Sport) and Nottinghamshire (previously Sport Notts). County Sports Partnerships are now referred to as Active Partnerships.

In Derbyshire we operate under the brand 'Active Derbyshire' and in Nottinghamshire, it is 'Active Notts'. In both counties we work with organisations and networks in the county to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The responsibility for overall policy setting and strategic insight sits with the APT board of trustees, which aims to meet at least four times each year. Leadership panels were set up in 2019/20 for both Derbyshire and Notts to advise, network and advocate on behalf of Active Derbyshire or Active Notts and to make recommendations to the board. Both the Active Notts panel and the Active Derbyshire panel met individually two times in 2021/22 and jointly twice. The panels are chaired by APT trustees: Active Derbyshire panel by Sarah Fowler and the Active Notts panel by Graham Feek.

The APT board has also set up an audit committee, chaired by Stephen Jackson, to advise the trustees on finance and risk management. Four meetings of the audit committee were held in 2021/22.

Day to day management and service delivery is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, Ilana Freestone. APT has 26 employees (23.2 FTE) (March 2022).

During the year a decision was made to hand in notice on the two office premises and take up membership of a Cubo which offers hot desking facilities in Derby, Nottingham and Sheffield. In addition, a fixed two person office has been leased within Derby Cubo. Following consultation with the team, employee contracts were revised and

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all employees are now home-based except two colleagues who are office based in Derby.

Objects and aims

Through the two teams: Active Derbyshire and Active Notts, APT aims to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The formal objectives of Active Partners Trust are:

- the advancement of amateur sport and the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the co-ordination of sporting and physical activities, and/or by the provision of research and/or resources, and/or by the provision of facilities for the playing of sports
- the advancement of the education of the public in the subject of sport and physical recreation and the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, research and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in sport and physical activity
- the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation; and
- the promotion, and/or provision of facilities for, recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said persons.

Vision, purpose, strategies and activities

Sport England launched their new 10-year plan 'Uniting the Movement' in January 2021. This is a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity, with a mission to tackle deep-rooted inequalities and unlock the advantage of being active for everyone.

During 2021/22 the key focus for the team and the board was continuing work with partners to develop a shared plan for increasing physical activity in Notts and Derbyshire. In 2020/21 we focused on pulling together, into a story, all the relevant national data, insight and learning from our work locally over the last four years including the impact of COVID-19. To do this we listened to the voices and perspectives of people in our less active communities. We checked and challenged this insight with the team and with external community and public sector partners.

In 2021/22 we set up group and individual conversations with over 700 people and organisations to shape a shared vision, future priorities and opportunities. 'Making our Move – Our shared vision for Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire' was 'launched' October 2021. The plan outlines five shared aims and six ways of working.

The plan is still unfolding as we and partners work out the parts we can all play and how we can work together. System wide implementation plans are being produced for each of the five shared aims and from these APT will identify the priority actions for our team in 2022/23 and beyond i.e. the role APT will play.

As part of this process, we updated APT's vision, purpose and priorities.

Our vision is: working together we will address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

Our purpose is to connect, collaborate, influence and help create a culture where everyone can be active.

Our priorities are to:

Understand people and communities

Build our insight and learning with partners

Share insight and learning to inform decision making

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Enable by

Creating opportunities
Developing people
Advocating and influencing for change in policy and practice
Creating conditions for change

Invest by

Seeking investment to support our work
Target resources to where they are most needed
Align existing resources

Work also started on revising APT's business plan to ensure we are a healthy, well governed organisation.

Public benefit

Across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, **one in four adults** and **one in three children** and young people are **inactive**. **One in six deaths** in the UK are a result of physical inactivity.

Being active helps more than just individuals. It benefits communities and wider society and has a knock-on effect on the environment. Through physical activity:

- People become healthier, happier and more fulfilled
- Communities feel safer, inclusive and connected
- Society is more equal, with money invested and saved in the right places
- Environments are less polluted and better appreciated by communities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

What we set out to do in 2021/22 and what we achieved

Co-produce, with system partners, a new plan for work in both counties, using Uniting the Movement as a framework

Making our Move – Our shared vision for Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire

Work started in early 2021 to form a local response to Sport England's Uniting the Movement, analysing insight and data from the last four years to understand where inequalities existed locally.

We connected with over 700 people and organisations during the year – reflecting on this insight; shaping a shared vision and discussing and agreeing future priorities and opportunities.

These conversations were all pulled together and presented in **Making our Move: Uniting the Movement in Notts and Derbyshire**, a 10-year plan to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them.

The plan is still unfolding as we work out the parts we can all play and how we can work together.

We have started to build on the connections and networks that emerged from this broad engagement. We have continued to have conversations about how we can all, collectively play our part. The clarity of message in **Making our Move** has enabled us to align with other emerging strategies across the counties, such as the Notts Integrated Care Provider's (ICP) strategy, in particular the prevention and personalised agenda. Partners and leaders working in this strategic space, particularly in health and social care, local authorities and the voluntary and community sector, have seen how being active can help to deliver on their priorities and aims. The districts and boroughs are actively aligning their strategies to the insight and work instigated by the **Making our Move** process.

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The work is iterative, and **Making our Move** has provided a broad, strong and stable platform for hundreds of partners and organisations working across Notts and Derbyshire to build upon.

During the last quarter of the year, system wide implementation plans have been developed for each of the five shared aims of **Making our Move**. These plans are based on the many conversations held during its development. Once completed, these will be shared with partners and interested organisations.

Priority places – an asset-based approach producing insight and learning

Moving on with Covid and Place based work in Derbyshire

All eight district and borough councils in Derbyshire are in the process of developing or delivering on locally agreed priorities arising from the impact of Covid-19. Funded by Derbyshire County Council Public Health, £15k has been allocated to each of the eight areas. The priorities include work around active travel, activity in the outdoors, children and young people and people with long term health conditions. The funding was to provide support to communities following Covid-19 but to do this by promoting new ways of working: collaboration between local partners, partners to listen to the voice of the community, to allow a shared purpose to be developed. This approach is being followed by the partners involved.

Facilitated work with New Mills Volunteer Centre, key stakeholders and community groups to work together, build shared purpose and pool resources. This has resulted in new resources being identified to create a new Move More Community Engagement role to focus on wellbeing through moving more. The work is embedded within the volunteer centre as it is the organisation with the greatest reach to people in the town and its communities.

In Derby, we supported the review of place-based work of Move More Derby. Following this, and a successful Active Through Football (AtF) bid (£500k), the work of team members from Derby City Council, Community Action Derby and Active Derbyshire has been 100% aligned. This will provide community coordinators across all priority wards in the city focusing on young people, ethnically diverse groups, older people and people with a disability and or long-term condition

Health and Wellbeing insight work in Notts

Over the last three years, supported by Press Red, we have supported the districts/boroughs in Nottinghamshire to reflect and learn from the place-based work which has been growing right across the county. We have looked at what helps and hinders this way of working and have brought all of that learning together into this evaluation report. Partners and community stakeholders, across six localities, took a collaborative approach to working in, and with, some of the most inactive and deprived communities with the highest levels of health inequalities and healthy life expectancy in the county. This was funded by Nottinghamshire County Council and the six districts.

In summary the work has:

- Raised the profile of the complex challenge of being active in these communities. It is more than helicoptering in solutions in a one size fits all project approach. It needs the input of many partners and organisations and resident buy-in.
- Built a more detailed picture of some of our communities, their strengths and the challenges to providing the right services and opportunities e.g. tailored offers, led and developed by the community
- Developed greater capacity amongst partners and guided how and where we invest additional funding and resource - into the places and communities that need it the most.
- £180,000 of additional funding, from multiple funding streams, has been leveraged into these specific communities through community organisations working on the ground.
- Created a shared understanding across and between organisations of the use of insight and evidence to inform planning and decision making, e.g. bringing planners, architects and the community together, in Bellamy, to co-design a community playground.
- Led to actions to address physical inactivity being embedded in other plans and strategies, such as local Health and Wellbeing, Leisure, Transport, Planning and Place-based Partnership health strategies.
- Connected many locality partners more closely with community stakeholders in these communities. Tangible

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examples of joining up partners, working together for the same thing and reducing competition and silo working.

- Provided a significant opportunity, space and permission to learn about the appetite for creating change in this way: working it out together and reflecting on the progress made. Tangible trust has been built up through this work at all levels of the system and community.

As a result of the above work, NHS England / Improvement are considering funding further place- based work in both Coxmoor and Bellamy.

Priority groups – focusing on the groups that participate less in our priority areas

We are Undefeatable

Bolsover

In November 2019, partners across Bolsover were awarded £75k to support the localisation of the We are Undefeatable campaign over, initially, a 12-month period. The plan was to bring together everyone who worked with and supported people living with a long-term health condition, to work together on the shared aim of supporting these local people to be more active. In the early days, we worked with the community to identify and then support the lead agency (NHS Primary Care/Bolsover CVS) facilitate the programme planning.

In Bolsover, the group wanted to better understand and embed the voice of this community within everyone's work. During 2020, the Covid-19 lockdowns impacted significantly on activity and spend of the £75k grant funding, hence the pilot was extended and ended in March 2022. A year 2 interim learning report was produced September 2021 and a final learning report was published March 2022.

Through the work, the oversight group has continued to embed physical activity in the wider system, most notably through the Place Alliance (Place Based Partnership) and the VCSE. Sport England has provided a 6-month extension for the work to continue with a focus on hearing resident voice and connecting it to inform future practice. Through the evaluation, the learning below has been identified. This will help to inform the focus for the next 6 months and beyond:

- Continue to connect with the Place Alliance to ensure resident voice continues to inform wider partnership decision making.
- Continue to advocate physical activity as part of both 'preventative' and 'treatment' of those at risk of or living with long term health conditions
- Recognise the importance of listening to 'trusted voices' and engage with community stakeholders to build insight.
- Continue to develop the place-based approach in Shirebrook to understand what is important to the residents.
- Continue to build on the work around 'developing people' so that those closest to individuals have the skills, confidence and capability to advocate moving more.
- Continue to share learning, test new approaches and connect to the learning of others.

To see just some of the work which has happened, view this video about supporting people to be advocates for moving more at work <https://youtu.be/xDopPTvOBds> and this video which looks to better understand and embed views from local people living with health conditions https://youtu.be/O_FBhFQ-4H8.

Mansfield

Mansfield CVS was awarded £103k in November 2019 for the We Are Undefeatable campaign. Again this was initially for 12 months but due to Covid-19 was extended through to September 2021. We worked with Mansfield CVS to bring together an oversight group made up of key local partners including the NHS, the local authority and voluntary and community sector organisations. Despite Covid-19 lockdown's Mansfield CVS continued to integrate the physical activity message into its work and communications with people with long term conditions. As with Bolsover, external consultants were appointed to evaluate the process and progress from the start and

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have captured the following:

- Learning points and ways of working
- Strong partnership support was critical to the success of this pilot. All the key partners remained actively involved throughout and their insights and willingness to think creatively during such a challenging time were key to the success.
- This work enabled the voluntary and community sector to demonstrate its flexibility and reach into local communities. It advocated how physical activity could help address the barriers for residents and it expanded the range of opportunities for people to engage with.
- The pilot was “made in Mansfield.” It responded to the needs of local people.
- All partners valued the opportunity to network and share both strategic and operational information.
- Parts of the pilot focused on workforce development. By capturing and sharing insight and information individuals involved, including healthcare professionals, developed their skills and knowledge to confidently advocate the benefits of physical activity.

To see more about this work, this video looks at the creation of a community allotment in Mansfield <https://youtu.be/rRqtT7SX6f0> and this video about voluntary and statutory organisations working more closely together <https://youtu.be/tNQP7FNQMpM>.

Get Out, Get Active (GOGA)

Work started in 2020 to support disabled and non-disabled people to be active together in Heanor (Amber Valley) and Bassetlaw. This work, funded and supported by Activity Alliance, looked to create systemic change within policy and practice at a place-based level.

Amber Valley

Covid-19 created some challenges, including a delay in appointing the Community Engagement Officer but partners adapted. They started to build relationships and make connections in a more virtual world.

GOGA is on-going. The changes we have seen so far include:

- More partners in Amber Valley are aware of the GOGA work, principles and are actively looking at what changes they can make. For example, Places Leisure, who manage three leisure centres in the district, including the one in Heanor, are reviewing how their facilities can be more inclusive, setting up inclusion awareness training and bespoke work with Derbyshire Autism Society. The Amber Valley Health Partnership have embedded inclusion discussions and practice into their ways of working.
- Collaborative working is happening between Amber Valley CVS, Social Prescribers and the GOGA Community Engagement Officer on a 12-month test and learn programme ‘Couch to 5x’. The Community Engagement Officer is providing bespoke support to around 40 residents, with long term health conditions, to set goals and find ways to start moving more. The residents are keeping diaries. The stories the officer is hearing are being captured and relayed back to members of the steering group. This learning is being fed back into the development of county wide Exercise by Referral and Live Life Better Derbyshire work.

Networks in other areas of the county are asking about the approaches of Amber Valley GOGA to understand and learn from these new ways of working.

Bassetlaw

The GOGA programme in Bassetlaw was designed to focus on face-to-face engagement, so with Covid-19, partners involved started to think differently about how to engage people. Phone calls were made to service users to get to know them, to find out how they could be supported. Wellbeing checks were offered. The focus shifted from increasing numbers of participants and numbers of activities to gathering insight, building relationships, and making connections.

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Sport England's Young Peoples' funding was used to fund additional capacity to engage with disabled young people to understand their needs and how these could be integrated into the on-going GOGA work. This led to Bassetlaw Action Centre forming new relationships with local schools, youth service, young people and parents/carers. This work is on-going. So far it has prompted discussions around the barriers faced by young disabled people and their families, including issues around anxiety, body image, confidence, and the role that schools and community organisations can play in becoming more inclusive. Colleagues in Bassetlaw are connecting people and sharing insight with system partners to create change. The young people that have shared their experiences are being invited to a SEND specific activity day which will not only act as a reward for their input but also another opportunity for partners to connect and speak with the young people.

Tackling Inequalities Funding (TIF)

A successful application to Sport England resulted in an award of £168k for the third phase of the Tackling Inequalities funding. 100% of this funding was allocated to community-based groups to support them and their users to continue or start to be active following Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions. 42 groups, supporting people who were inactive, received funding.

To understand the impact of this funding, we had learning conversations with 20 different funded organisations (from phase 1,2 or 3). Most of the organisations selected did not primarily focus on sport or physical activity but worked to other objectives. These objectives varied and included supporting young people, older people, people with long term health conditions, people with disabilities, people from culturally diverse communities and people living on lower incomes.

However, all the organisations were interested in working with Active Partners Trust (APT) to help the people they worked with, become more physically active.

These learning conversations, with each group, identified enablers, barriers and takeaways which we will share with Sport England and with other funders, partner organisations and directly with other community organisations.

One of the messages that came was the flexibility of the TIF funding, and the pragmatic approach of APT, was helpful to the community organisations at a time of crisis.

APT has been awarded an additional £261,374 to distribute during 2022/23.

One Step at a Time - Nottinghamshire

One Step at a Time (OSAAT) was set up to connect and support some of the most vulnerable members of our communities; those people who feel disconnected, isolated and lonely. It helps people to become more socially and physically active and connected into their communities right from their front door. We have worked with Nottinghamshire County Council and CVS partners across the county to develop a county wide approach, that is delivered locally, responding to local need and building on local infrastructure. This is on-going and there is some funding to continue this development work in 2022/23.

Some of the learning and outcomes from OSAAT have been captured here <https://www.activenotts.org.uk/one-step-at-a-time>

System change – developing relationships with organisations and key influencers within various systems and working to produce system change

Walk Derbyshire

The potential of walking is recognised in **Making our Move** as a theme that cuts through all the five aims. Derbyshire County Council and Active Derbyshire (from funding from Derbyshire partners) committed to invest £940,000 from January 2022 to April 2025 to support a whole system approach to walking in the county. During 2021/22, time was spent co-designing this approach with Derbyshire Public Health and other key county partners, based on the insight from the consultants appointed in 20/21 and Active Lives data. There is now a

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shared understanding and commitment between the key partners in the county, on the ways to bring about this system change in the next three years. Walk Derbyshire branding has been produced, accredited training developed, a staffing structure agreed and new posts appointed to start March 2022. The first wider system stakeholder event took place March 2022, attended by over 70 people.

The frame has been changed away from setting up and supporting walking groups to how partners work together to make walking part of how we live our everyday lives.

Together We Move collective, Nottingham

The Together We Move collective began in the first lockdown and has grown over the last two years. It was formed through a collaboration of different organisations, all with the aim of supporting a healthier Nottingham, through more joined up working, collaboration and consistency. The collective is a fluid network of public and voluntary/community sector partners such as Nottingham City Council (including Public Health, Transport and Planning, Parks and Education), Nottingham CVS, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Sustrans, Ridewise, Nottingham City GP Alliance, Active Notts etc.

This has led to:

- more consistent campaign messaging e.g. for the winter well-being campaign. Messaging was shared across a number of health organisations bringing about savings on costs and resource time.
- two new secondary care link worker roles to be created to support people to be active, pre and post-surgery, to improve their outcomes following surgery for cancer and MSK conditions. The new workers will be based in Nottingham University Hospital.
- sharing concepts for members of the network to embed into their workforce practice e.g. Netwalking, Moving Medicine and Clinical Champion Training for Healthcare.
- collective support to Nottingham funded projects e.g. GreenSpace Social Prescribing, place-based initiatives through Primary Care – demonstrating the need and value of collaborative working.

Health and Wellbeing Boards and strategies

By regularly sharing our tangible examples of work in all districts and boroughs with the locality health partnerships, we are advocating for and influencing thinking about place-based working and asset-based approaches. We believe it is also helping move towards a truer sense of working collaboratively and our work is often referenced and at the forefront of how the health system are increasingly working.

On-going advocacy work has been underway through the year to embed the value of physical activity in local authorities' Health and Wellbeing strategies. Physical activity is now acknowledged as a priority in many of these strategies across both counties including Ashfield, Bolsover, Erewash, Mansfield, Gedling and Nottingham City. Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Strategies both acknowledge '**Making our Move**' as a fundamental driver for this.

This work is also at the forefront of advocating and moving towards more collaborative commissioning approaches, moving from silo, grant type funding towards recognising complexity and the need to think this way. Thinking more holistically about place, communities and neighbourhoods, key themes such as mental and physical wellbeing, digital inclusion, financial inclusion and social isolation, the role of grant funding and the need for capacity and infrastructure, particularly within the voluntary and community sector, is slowly materialising and there is evidence of a change in some practice.

Examples of this include:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership projects – funding identified for Derbyshire Mind and Arts Derbyshire – the report recognises Active Derbyshire and the value of being active in improving mental wellbeing.
- Localities Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 – funding request for localities/health partnerships. Physical activity is a priority in five out of eight local authority areas in Derbyshire and healthy lifestyles/choices is a

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priority in the other three areas. The value of place-based working is recognised and there are indirect references to our work.

- High Peak Health Partnership has allocated £35k towards Move More High Peak to fund a Community Builder Officer to work with young people to improve their physical activity and mental wellbeing. As well as this being new money, it is also the result of a new approach. The work has been collaborative from the outset and the officer will be positioned within the VCSE to increase capacity. The appointment will be made early summer 2022.
- Erewash Health and Wellbeing Partnership has embedded the aim to reduce inequalities in residents' physical activity behaviour into its strategic priorities. It is proactively gaining more insight and a stakeholder engagement event is due to take place in April 2022.

Supporting the VCSE and traditional sports sectors – including the delivery of our SE Club Matters funded project

Phase 1 and 2 of the Sport England funded Club Matters Local work are completed. The Club Matters leadership group, which included the programme lead, Sport England, APT and VCS infrastructure agencies from across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, summarised the learning from Phase 1 and 2 in a 4-piece jigsaw model – Facilities and resources, Leadership, Participants, Coordination and connections. Our learning was presented to the Sport England Club Matters working group in October 2021 to be considered as the next stages of the national programme is shaped.

We also tested the learning with a broader VCSE audience, from both counties, at an online event held January 2022. From the feedback and conversations at this, we are developing the next steps for the final phase of the pilot. Meanwhile, as part of the testing, the jigsaw model provided the frame for the 20 deep dive conversations with organisations that received Tackling Inequalities Funding. It is proving to be a useful model.

The model and the learning from this work can be found here <https://www.activederbyshire.org.uk/supporting-voluntary-sector>.

Workforce development, including system leadership training – for leaders in the organisations, sectors and locations we are working with

Healthy Chats

As part of work to support more conversations around physical activity, Active Notts has been working with Paula Manning of Healthy Chats CIC.

Paula is a Physical Activity Clinical Champion for OHID (formerly Public Health England), a practicing physiotherapist and drew on her own lived experience of living with a long-term health condition to develop Healthy Chats.

She recognised the need for training to give confidence to those working within our communities to give the right advice and devised Healthy Chats as a result.

The training has been piloted in partnership with Active Notts and the Social Prescribers Link Workers (SPLW) network in Nottinghamshire. All of those who participated work as social prescribing link workers or health coaches and some were new to their roles while others were more experienced.

More information on this work, including what we've learned, can be found in this video here <https://youtu.be/CFyUnPDWr7s>.

Move More Derby Ambassadors – growth of a network

Move More Derby Ambassadors are passionate people championing physical activity for all. They are people who live and work in our communities and want to support others to be active.

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The network was created in 2019 and now includes over 120 ambassadors. It is an organic group which makes decisions collaboratively and shares messages and opportunities about being active and moving more in an individual way. The group is supported by the Move More Derby team but is very much shaped by those within the network.

This video shows how the network grew and some of the outcomes of bringing people together with this shared purpose <https://youtu.be/Fejrlllvhak> and this video shares some of the reflections of the ambassadors <https://youtu.be/Rp7k9cKhGsk>

The Active Derbyshire team have been supporting the work of Move More Derby by helping to shape some of the principles of the network but also more practically through the marketing and promotion of the network to wider partners. We have also created messaging for the network to support them to engage with local communities.

Girls Active

We have continued to work with the Youth Sport Trust on the Girls Active programme designed to help schools understand what motivates girls to take part in PE, sport and physical activity.

We are working with four inner city secondary schools in Nottingham and Derby. All the schools have a high number of pupils from Black and Asian ethnicities and high percentage of pupils qualifying for free school meals.

We started with a session for teachers from the schools to introduce them to the programme and to ask them to identify girls to be part of their Leadership and Marketing Squad: not the girls who like and do PE but girls who are not physically active but have influence amongst their peer group. A Girls Active Inspiration Day was held where they took part in workshops to think about barriers, motivations and to develop their skills to influence and motivate their peers. They left the day with an action plan they had developed for their school.

The main things girls learnt and messages they took away are themed into:

- Skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience and leadership
- Confidence
- Girls are as capable of doing things as boys
- To support each other
- Not caring what others think or say

90% agreed or strongly agreed with the statement *"I have been inspired and motivated to improve the delivery of PE, physical activity or sport"*.

To support and mentor the squads to lead this work in their schools, we recruited and supported four Black and Asian female Ambassadors, with their own lived experience. The Ambassadors are working with the squads to shape a summer 2022 School Games event which aims to be attractive and accessible to female pupils who do not currently do physical activity. Both we and the teachers in the schools are learning from these conversations with the girls on the squads and we will both use this insight to inform future planning.

Falls prevention and activity community of practice

Active Notts have worked alongside colleagues within Notts Healthcare Trust and Sherwood Hospitals trust to co-design a space for people to come together around physical activity and falls prevention. Members of the community include healthcare professionals, Adult Social Care and commissioning colleagues and those working in communities. The first session had over 100 people sign up back in November with the next session being planned for Spring/Summer 2022.

Some of the learning and insight gathered have been pulled into this illustration, looking at how we worked together to create the space and what we heard from the community about this work.

Building up our insight, drawing out the learning and setting up the opportunities (networks, conferences, workshops, one to one meetings) to share insight and learning with key organisations and

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individuals

Making our Move

Since its 'launch' the team have presented or had discussions about the aims and ways of working at various county, district and place-based meetings, networks and steering groups. The conversations are tailored to the audience but overall, the aims have been to raise awareness of the plan, develop an understanding of all or some its aims and start conversations with new organisations and people about what it could mean for them and how they could contribute.

Examples of county level meetings where **Making our Move** has been an agenda item presentation include:

Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Derbyshire County Council Corporate Management
Team Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board

In addition, the insight which informed **Making our Move** has been shared with partners involved in updating Joint Strategic Need Assessments, where these are being revised.

Covid -19 insight

As with the rest of the country, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire residents faced huge changes during the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions. The opportunities and challenges around physical activity created and continue to create inequalities within our communities. To better understand how these lockdowns affected activity levels, Press Red were commissioned to analysis Sport England and other data to understand trends and behaviour changes.

The resulting Covid-19 insight packs were shared and have been useful in understanding the impact of the pandemic and where we may start to focus resources.

The insight packs can be downloaded here for Active Notts data <https://www.activenotts.org.uk/uploads/impact-of-covid-19-in-notts-mar-to-nov-2020.pdf?v=1642514375> and here for Active Derbyshire data <https://www.activederbyshire.org.uk/uploads/impact-of-covid-19-in-derbyshire-mar-nov-2020.pdf?v=1642514213>

This gave us valuable insight into the increase of walking during Covid-19 and helped to secure support with wider partners for the Walk Derbyshire work.

Talking Spaces

In addition to the sessions organised to develop 'Making our Move' we held three Talking Space sessions. These are online sessions, over lunch time, on a theme, for partners to log in to.

A Talking Space on 'Recovery and Reinvent in Practice' enabled the system to come together to discuss approaches by governing bodies, voluntary sector clubs and leisure centres on how to re-engage with communities.

Details of the Talking Spaces and some of the learning we gathered can be found here <https://www.activenotts.org.uk/talking-space>.

Netwalking

Members of the team are continually growing our insight and sharing insight with partners at in one to one meetings, in network meetings (set up by us or other partners), in workshops. This year we trialled a new way of having conversations with partners – Netwalking.

This developed in response to the restrictions of Covid-19 and the intensity and isolation of working from home. Netwalking provides an opportunity to combine professional networking, based on an agenda, with a walk

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around a local area. We trialled it in a number of locations and used the learning to produce two county specific leaflets to encourage others to consider organising sessions this way.

Innovative use of Sport England funding for young people and workforce to meet the physical activity needs identified in our priority places and groups

School Games

Due to the on-going impact of Covid-19, no school games activities took place in the summer term of 2021. The focus of our work this year has been on gaining insight, particularly from young people, to inform the change to School Games for 2022.

When we asked schools, "In order to start developing an offer for academic year 2021-22, please rank the following event/competition outcomes in order, based on how important they are for your school/your pupils as we recover from COVID 19", the top three themes that came out were:

- To improve health and emotional wellbeing
- To develop physical literacy/increase activity levels
- To develop character and life skills

During this year we have been working with individual School Games Organisers (SGOs) in each district to shape meaningful School Games experiences around these themes and will take this learning to help shape our offer for 2022-2023 as well.

Sport England awarded additional funding to create a legacy in each district and county from the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 (CWG): £3k for each SGO and £11.5k for APT.

Insight has told us that Year 3/4 are our least active cohort across both counties and therefore the county CWG events will be focussed on young people in Year 3/4 who have low levels of enjoyment, confidence, knowledge, competence or understanding in relation to physical activity. We have worked closely with the SGOs to help shape their local plans and delivery will be starting from April 2022. Plans include the delivery of CWGs festivals aimed at getting less active/reluctant pupils in Key stage 2 to boost their social skills, confidence, well-being and inspire them to take up physical activity.

Pupil voice and consultation has run as a golden thread throughout the process in both counties to ensure young people are involved in the design and co-creation of the events.

Opening School Facilities

An award of £393,975 was received from Sport England for phase 2 of this programme. £343k was allocated to 54 schools (mostly secondary) across both counties, all of which had a high percentage of pupils receiving free school meals. The funding was used to allow the schools to open their facilities, out of school hours, to allow pupils and the local community to do more and/or different activities. Schools worked with their pupils to draw up a plan of the activities they wanted to do and what they needed to do it – equipment, coaching, storage etc. As a result of the improvements to facilities, c.5000 young people are regularly attending new activities in their schools.

A number of detailed case studies on the impact of this funding in individual schools have been produced - the website shows details of these and a video <https://www.activenotts.org.uk/osf>

The change this funding and approach has brought about is different in each school, but there are some common themes.

Positive feedback from young people:

- how the new opportunity has encouraged them to do something new,
- how much they are enjoying doing activities with their friends without worrying about how much it cost.

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Schools are reporting that:

- the new activities are attracting young people who have not wanted or been able to take part in exercise and/or other after school activities previously,
- that they have seen an increase in the number of girls and SEND pupils joining in.

Supporting young people in places (PEPA)

With the end of the Sport England Satellite Fund programme, a decision was made to allocate £138k of the CYP funding from Sport England to support new community-based activity for young people in priority places or from priority communities i.e. young people living with inequalities. We called this fund PEPA (Positive Experiences in Physical Activity).

Involving young people in the design of the project was a funding requirement. £95k has been allocated to 24 projects.

To understand the impact of this funding on the young people involved and to make sure we learn what went well and what did not, we developed a deep dive process to carry out with a sample of funded programmes. These deep dives (up to three visits/conversations) will take place spring and early summer 2022 to capture stories of change. What we learn will be shared and influence future decisions.

A theme that is starting to emerge from the deep dives and that we are eager to understand more about is the importance of the feeling of belonging. Whilst this needs to be explored more from a young persons' perspective, conversations to date have highlighted some key findings. Having a workforce that are reflective of the young people at the sessions is important – this is evident in a community club which caters for young people with a range of SEND, the sessions are led by a coach who has a learning disability. Whilst he is a role model to the young people and they are able to relate to him, the role also gives him a sense of purpose and belonging. Having a family liaison type of role has also been recognised as a contributing factor to belonging, with the family feeling engaged and the liaison being able to inform a more tailored offer for the young person.

Creating an environment where young people feel safe, have fun, are listened to and appreciation of differences is encouraged have all come through to date as important too.

One of the PEPA funded projects is Monday Night Football in Ashfield, watch a video about this here <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=238029478329085>.

Notts Primary PE, Sport and Physical Activity Conference

More than 150 primary school teachers, primary PE coordinators, headteachers and governors attended this conference held in November 2021. One of the five key aims in Making the Move is focused on young people: 'Enabling children and young people to have positive experiences of being active throughout their childhood.' The keynote speakers and workshop sessions focused on how we can work together to achieve this. Workshop topics included:

- An introduction to physical literacy
- Exploring mental health and the role of physical education, school sport and physical activity to improve wellbeing
- Tackling inequalities in physical activity
- Engaging families in your school's drive for healthier, happier and more active children

The feedback from the conference was very positive with a net promoter score of 82. We asked some specific questions and received some of the following feedback:

How has any of your learning from the day influenced you to work differently?

"The Active Minutes session gave me a bigger bank of materials to use to easily and quickly get the kids active in the classroom. These have been shared with staff and we now have a bigger emphasis on active lessons. We are also in the process of developing a sports page on our website (encouraged by the Involving Families

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session)”

“The conference really emphasised the importance of physical literacy. This information has helped me to place a real emphasis on physical literacy in my schools Physical Education curriculum”

Maintaining APT as a sustainable organisation – including team training, governance standards, good financial management etc

Team Training

A whole team training day took place in September to allow the team to explore how they were feeling about the new plan and how it would affect them. The session re-visited discussion on the change curve and focused on developing values and behaviours. Team members who were interested in developing their facilitation skills were asked to come forward and a group of five have had additional support on this and are putting their on-going learning into practice by facilitating sessions with the whole team to reimagine how APT’s values and behaviours are embedded into the PDR process.

To continue the discussions around how we become a more diverse and inclusive organisation, started by the Black Lives Matters (BLM) movement, Racial Literacy training, open to the whole team, was organised in September. As a result of this and on-going conversations, team members are becoming more confident about asking questions and having conversations with people from different ethnic groups about their lived experience. We have successfully applied for 20 places (maximum number allowed) on the 12 month Leading for Renewal training programme, funded by Sport England, delivered by Inclusive Employees, starting April 2022 to continue to grow our understanding of and confidence to engage with groups who feel excluded from sport and physical activity with a focus on people who face cultural barriers.

In addition, individual team members have attended conferences or workshops (generally online), relevant to their work or to meet their personal development needs.

Governance

The independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the APT Board and Panels to set APT's purpose, organisational priorities and oversee delivery was completed. Overall, the board and panels, despite the complications of Covid-19 lockdown, were assessed to be working effectively.

‘Highly engaged trustees and subgroups members, open and constructive conversations, high levels of respect between senior staff, trustees and subgroup members were strengths identified through this review’.

A board meeting was held in September 2021, facilitated by the consultant, to consider and prioritise the development priorities identified by the review. A follow up meeting was held in January 2022 when decisions were made on the future structure and role of subgroups and new lead responsibilities for trustees.

Due to the focus on reducing inequalities in **Making our Move** and the requirements of the revised Code for Sports Governance around increasing the diversity of APT’s governance and staff team, the board agreed the addition of a new role to the team staffing structure; Diversity and Inclusion Lead (3-year contract). We have successfully recruited to this new post and new team member will start April 2022.

To increase the diversity of the team, following external feedback, we have revised our job descriptions and recruitment process. This has resulted in an increase in the number of applications received from Black and Asian candidates.

APT Business Plan

Work also started on revising APT’s business plan to ensure we are a healthy, well governed organisation. The final draft was considered by the APT Board April 2022.

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New Funding Awards

New applications submitted and new Sport England funding awarded to APT for:

- Following a 2-stage application process, Sport England awarded **System Partner funding** of £5,199,000 from 01/01/22 to 31/03/27 to fund our systemic and governance roles for five years and our programme roles for three years.
- **Together Fund**. This is an evolution of the Tackling Inequalities Fund that was set up by Sport England in 2020 to help reduce the negative impact of Covid-19 and the widening inequalities in sport and physical activity. APT successful submitted an application for this funding, totalling £261k and will start distributing this, through a solicited process from April 2022. Monthly funding e-newsletters produced and distributed and during the year circulation increased by 20%, up to 4000 recipients.
- An successful application was submitted for phase 2 of the Opening Up School Facilities Fund. This award totalled £394k and was to be spent between April and August 2022.

SLA signed with Derbyshire County Council for £825,000 from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23 for Walk Derbyshire.

Successful application submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council's Social Recovery Fund for £30,976 towards the costs of developing walking in the county.

Performance measurement

Evaluating the impact of the work of the team against APT's objectives and priorities is complex. Much of the work that the team does cannot be measured numerically.

We are currently working with Sport England and other system partners to identify indicators (quantitative and/or qualitative) that will be used to support understanding of change, progress and impact in relation to the steps, goals and development priorities.

For the five shared aims and six shared ways of working in Making our Move, what we are aiming for and what we will do have been agreed and published. We are reviewing existing and developing new ways to capture the impact of our work and the changes we see in systems, organisations, individual partners and in themselves.

Since the publication of this plan, we have developed a maturity matrix template to assess where we are and what are the next system actions in each place. These maturity matrices have been completed, capturing the 2022 baseline for the new 10-year plan.

In addition, we continue to capture, record and share changes we see in the following ways:

- Learning logs – kept by APT team members and partners working on collaborative projects,
- Insight Hub – a software package for the team to use capture and share stories of change. Stories are tagged and hence the system can be searched to pull out common themes.
- Partner feedback.
- A culture of asking for feedback either verbally or by email following key internal and external discussions.
- Responses are logged and shared.
- Blogs published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.
- Case study videos published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts YouTube channels
- Talking Insight podcasts published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.

Financial review

In 2021/22, Sport England was the main funder with funding received (all restricted) for

- Primary role 04/21-03/22
- Children and Young People 09/20-03/22

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• Workforce	04/21-03/22
• Extended Workforce	04/21-03/22
• Opening up school facilities Phase 2	03/21-08/21
• Commonwealth Games: National Legacy	10/21-08/22
• Tackling Inequalities Fund Phase 3	03/21-03/22
• Club Matters Local	06/20-03/22
• Thriving Communities	10/20-09/23

Local Authority funding, both project specific (restricted) and for core services (designated to location) is the next largest source of funding.

Core funding from Derbyshire County Council of £104k, for designated spend in Derbyshire, was received for 2021/22. The annual Funding Partner fees from Derby City Council and the District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire were also received (£134.6k). This funding was designated for spend in Derby and Derbyshire.

A new SLA was signed with Derbyshire County Council for £825,000 from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23 for Walk Derbyshire.

£13.1k was received from Nottinghamshire County Council for the period June 2021 to March 2022 towards the costs of a Nottinghamshire Place Lead post and the provision of training courses for volunteers. This was a nine-month extension to the final year of a three-year funding agreement. A successful application was submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council's Social Recovery Fund for £30,976 towards the costs of developing walking in the county.

The possible loss of local authority funding, in the future, is recognised as an amber risk in the APT risk register and actions are in place to mitigate this risk. This includes maintaining close relationships with key individuals to identify any issues early and by developing our relationships with departments delivering statutory responsibilities as well as with leisure departments (non-statutory).

The audit sub-committee met four times during the year to review the management accounts for 2021/22 and draft 2022/23 budget before these were presented to the Board. The audit committee also reviewed the following documents during the year before recommending Board approval:

- 2020/21 Audit Report and Management Issues
- Remuneration Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Investment Policy (new policy produced)
- Risk Register
- Financial Regulations
- 5 year budget projection from 04/22 to 03/27

Going forward into 2022/23 APT is in a good position financially with Sport England systemic and governance role funding agreed until 03/27 and programme funding agreed until 03/25. A plan is in place to spend over the five years unrestricted reserves on identified priorities to help achieve the aims and ways of working of Making our Move. APT will maintain a sinking fund of c.£400k.

However with a fixed income to cover APT's core systemic and governance costs, increasing inflation rates may present challenges in future years, particularly in relation to employment costs.

Policy on reserves

Active Partners Trust was set up in July 2017 from the joining up of two existing organisations, Derbyshire Sport and Sports Notts. Both organisations held restricted and unrestricted reserves at the date of transfer. The first 20 months of operation was a period of transition, research and planning hence during this time, delivery expenditure was less than anticipated, thus reserves increased. These reserves further increased through COVID-19, as this had a significant impact on the team's ability to spend funding during 2020/21.

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The unrestricted fund total figure shown in the 2021/22 Financial Activities statement is £1,073,775 and covers the amount required for a sinking fund together with a number of additional planned expenditures required to deliver the strategy and vision over the next five years.

The Reserves Policy was reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees on 9 December 2021. It was agreed that a cash sinking fund must be available at a level to cover costs which would arise if a decision to cease operations needed to be taken by the APT board, including the costs of:

- terminating employment contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- terminating service provider contracts (calculated based on applicable notice periods)
- settling any unexpired period of office lease, if applicable
- settling any contractual service delivery payments.

The sinking fund at 31 March 2022 is £400,000.

During 2021/22 we developed, with partners, the shared plan 'Making our Move', and determined the priorities for future years. Based on the priorities identified, the following new expenditure is planned or committed over five years up to March 2027:

- Development of a new APT website
- Engagement of an APT evaluation partner
- Appointment of FT Diversity and Inclusion Lead
- Funding for a number of Learning/Sharing/Celebration events
- Funding systems leadership training for system partners.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Active Partners Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 9 December 2022

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Active Partners Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Active Partners Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry in which it operates, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk

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increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wayne Thomas ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants

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15 December 2022

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	251,751	691,487	943,238	762,084
Charitable activities	3	18,412	1,265,169	1,283,581	1,380,186
Other trading activities		-	-	-	(765)
Investments		3,840	-	3,840	5,068
Total income		274,003	1,956,656	2,230,659	2,146,573
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	106,122	1,933,780	2,039,902	2,280,227
Total expenditure		106,122	1,933,780	2,039,902	2,280,227
Net income/(expenditure)		167,881	22,876	190,757	(133,654)
Transfers between funds	13	(137,356)	137,356	-	-
Net movement in funds		30,525	160,232	190,757	(133,654)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,043,250	614,583	1,657,833	1,791,487
Net movement in funds		30,525	160,232	190,757	(133,654)
Total funds carried forward		1,073,775	774,815	1,848,590	1,657,833

The notes on pages 26 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	6,588	5,187
Investments	10	908,907	905,068
		915,495	910,255
Current assets			
Debtors	11	24,267	31,835
Cash at bank and in hand		1,009,526	850,377
		1,033,793	882,212
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(100,698)	(134,634)
		933,095	747,578
Total net assets		1,848,590	1,657,833
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	774,815	614,583
Unrestricted funds	13	1,073,775	1,043,250
Total funds		1,848,590	1,657,833

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 9 December 2022

The notes on pages 26 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	170,399	(78,656)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(7,411)	(4,255)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(7,411)	(4,255)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	162,988	(82,911)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,755,445	1,838,356
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,918,433	1,755,445
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The notes on pages 26 to 40 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Active Partners Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

No material uncertainties exist regarding going concern.

1.3 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable unless future performance-related conditions are specified that have not been met. Grants received before the income recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 33.3% straight line
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1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funding partners to support activities carried out by the charity during the period.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Government grants				
Derby City Council	25,056	-	25,056	25,056
Amber Valley Borough Council	15,701	-	15,701	15,701
Erewash Borough Council	15,117	-	15,117	15,117
South Derbyshire District Council	12,191	-	12,191	12,191
Derbyshire County Council	104,000	-	104,000	107,000
High Peak Borough Council	13,603	-	13,603	13,603
Derbyshire Dales District Council	11,823	-	11,823	11,823
Chesterfield Borough Council	14,610	-	14,610	14,610
North East Derbyshire District Council	14,450	-	14,450	14,450
Bolsover District Council	12,075	-	12,075	12,075
Nottinghamshire County Council	13,125	-	13,125	13,125
Total government grants	251,751	-	251,751	254,751
Other grants	-	691,487	691,487	507,333
	-	691,487	691,487	507,333
Total 2022	251,751	691,487	943,238	762,084
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>254,751</i>	<i>507,333</i>	<i>762,084</i>	

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants	10,000	1,202,714	1,212,714	1,324,743
Training fees	2,599	21,021	23,620	15,615
Other fees	5,813	41,434	47,247	39,828
Total 2022	18,412	1,265,169	1,283,581	1,380,186

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Young people's participation	14,664	721,912	736,576	579,382
Place based work	17,628	277,752	295,380	413,760
Priority group support & advocacy	24,947	394,083	419,030	660,024
Workforce development	37,542	263,601	301,143	306,319
Insight	11,341	276,432	287,773	320,742
	<u>106,122</u>	<u>1,933,780</u>	<u>2,039,902</u>	<u>2,280,227</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Young people's participation	530,667	205,909	736,576	579,382
Place based work	40,441	254,939	295,380	413,760
Priority group support & advocacy	157,835	261,195	419,030	660,024
Workforce development	80,427	220,716	301,143	306,319
Insight	86,628	201,145	287,773	320,742
	<u>895,998</u>	<u>1,143,904</u>	<u>2,039,902</u>	<u>2,280,227</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>1,174,534</u>	<u>1,105,693</u>	<u>2,280,227</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Staff costs	951,980	917,313
Premises and IT	101,069	78,816
Consultancy	35,230	39,225
Marketing	45,073	70,339
Governance	11,300	-
Project costs	(748)	-
	<u>1,143,904</u>	<u>1,105,693</u>

Support costs are allocated in proportion to overall staff time spent on each activity.

6. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £7,200 (2021 - £7,140).

7. Staff costs

	2022 £	<i>2021 £</i>
Wages and salaries	825,057	792,813
Social security costs	78,454	72,786
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	48,469	51,714
	<u>951,980</u>	<u>917,313</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
Average number of employees	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £255,700 (2021 - £276,956).

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise the senior management team as listed in the reference and administrative section on page 1.

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8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	20,699
Additions	7,411
Disposals	(1,431)
	26,679
At 31 March 2022	26,679
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	15,512
Charge for the year	6,010
On disposals	(1,431)
	20,091
At 31 March 2022	20,091
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	6,588
At 31 March 2021	5,187

10. Fixed asset investments

	Fixed term deposits £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2021	908,907
At 31 March 2022	908,907

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11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	15,620	9,441
Prepayments and accrued income	8,647	22,394
	24,267	31,835

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	37,827	70,613
Other taxation and social security	18,642	21,309
Accrued expenses	44,229	42,712
	100,698	134,634

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	350,000	-	-	50,000	400,000
Committed projects	180,448	5,608	(27,528)	37,000	195,528
	530,448	5,608	(27,528)	87,000	595,528
General funds					
General fund	512,802	268,395	(78,594)	(224,356)	478,247
	1,043,250	274,003	(106,122)	(137,356)	1,073,775

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	171,994	-	(26,576)	(60,000)	85,418
AD GOGA	28,687	41,248	(55,389)	-	14,546
AD Walk Derbyshire	-	185,000	(1,871)	115,000	298,129
AN PH	39,322	5,000	(6,755)	-	37,567
AN NCC Walk One Step	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
AN NCC Walk Lead	-	30,976	-	-	30,976
SE AN Priority Places	55,327	-	-	-	55,327
SE APT Core	36,356	917,640	(934,244)	(19,752)	-
SE CYP Workforce	43,870	46,800	(45,931)	-	44,739
SE CYP Place	121	138,000	(73,986)	-	64,135
SE CYP School Games	21,810	76,690	(65,858)	-	32,642
SE CYP School Facilities	(937)	393,975	(386,826)	(6,212)	-
SE CYP DFE	14,612	-	(8,659)	-	5,953
SE CYP Insight	-	17,000	(3,780)	-	13,220
SE Club Matters	25,988	38,246	(42,244)	-	21,990
SE TIF	85,336	-	(84,115)	-	1,221
SE Social Prescribing	14,181	19,080	(32,565)	820	1,516
APT Insight	-	-	(67,302)	67,500	198
APT Marketing & Comms	2,216	-	(39,908)	40,000	2,308
Funds below £15k	75,700	17,001	(57,771)	-	34,930
	<u>614,583</u>	<u>1,956,656</u>	<u>(1,933,780)</u>	<u>137,356</u>	<u>774,815</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,657,833</u></u>	<u><u>2,230,659</u></u>	<u><u>(2,039,902)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,848,590</u></u>

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	300,000	-	-	50,000	350,000
Committed projects	165,150	-	(132,767)	148,065	180,448
	<u>465,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(132,767)</u>	<u>198,065</u>	<u>530,448</u>
General funds					
General fund	508,269	271,845	(35,848)	(231,464)	512,802
	<u>973,419</u>	<u>271,845</u>	<u>(168,615)</u>	<u>(33,399)</u>	<u>1,043,250</u>
Restricted funds					
AD DCC Public Health	-	448,000	(363,464)	800	85,336
AD GOGA	16,000	-	(8,000)	-	8,000
AD Walk Derbyshire	178,000	-	(6,006)	-	171,994
AN PH	11,612	-	(1,447)	2,000	12,165
AN NCC Walk One Step	-	40,307	(41,620)	30,000	28,687
AN NCC Walk Lead	12,666	-	(645)	849	12,870
SE AN Priority Places	37,516	20,000	(56,667)	(849)	-
SE APT Core	57,396	944,514	(942,119)	(23,435)	36,356
SE CYP Workforce	32,950	32,981	(16,182)	(5,879)	43,870
SE CYP Place	188,469	127,479	(316,827)	1,000	121
SE CYP School Games	35,667	23,786	(35,715)	(1,928)	21,810
SE CYP School Facilities	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
SE CYP DFE	91,363	83,680	(117,916)	(1,800)	55,327
SE CYP Insight	90,889	-	(83,326)	(8,500)	(937)
SE Club Matters	12,136	16,000	(18,024)	4,500	14,612
SE TIF	(463)	-	(15,000)	15,463	-
SE Social Prescribing	-	36,000	(20,012)	10,000	25,988
APT Insight	25,986	39,000	(25,664)	-	39,322
APT Marketing & Comms	-	19,080	(5,719)	820	14,181
Funds below £15k	27,881	18,901	(37,259)	10,358	19,881

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
	<u>818,068</u>	<u>1,874,728</u>	<u>(2,111,612)</u>	<u>33,399</u>	<u>614,583</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,791,487</u></u>	<u><u>2,146,573</u></u>	<u><u>(2,280,227)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,657,833</u></u>

14. Purpose of funds

The specific purposes for which the restricted funds are to be applied are as follows:

AD DCC PH - This is part of the Physical Activity: Local Innovation Fund awarded by Derbyshire County Council (renamed COVID Recovery Fund). This totals £146,000 over 3 years from 01/03/19 to 28/02/22 to support place-based working in the county. APT contributed a further £32,000 to this fund. With agreement from Derbyshire County Council, £60,000 of this fund has been transferred to Walk Derbyshire. Payments have been paid to three districts and payments will be made to remaining districts in 22/23 as their local plans are developed.

AD GOGA - Three-year funding award (April 2020 to March 2023) from Activity Alliance to support disabled and non-disabled people to be active together. This programme is focused on Heanor and surrounding area. It is managed by the Active Amber Valley partnership and APT, as a member of this partnership, is the accountable body for this funding award.

AD Walk Derbyshire - Funding from Derbyshire County Council of £825,000 for Walk Derbyshire programme from 01/01/22 to 31/12/23. APT funding will be used to extend programme over a third year i.e. up to 31/12/24.

AN NCC Walk Lead - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council Social Recovery Fund £30,976 from 10/03/22 to 31/03/23 to develop a walking offer across Nottinghamshire.

AN NCC One Step - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council from March 2022 to support local 'One step at a time' walks across the county.

AN PH - Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council and other local authorities in the county towards the costs of the Nottinghamshire Physical Activity Insight work, a two-year work programme from 01/04/19 to 31/03/21. Delivery of this has been delayed by COVID-19 therefore will continue into 2021/22.

AN SE Priority Places - Funding from Sport England 01/10/18-31/03/21 to finance the Nottingham local priority places pilot work. This project has now ended with an underspend. Sport England have agreed that the underspent can be spent in Nottingham, with their prior approval.

APT Insight - Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund insight work.

APT Core - This includes Primary Role funding from Sport England towards the core costs of Active Partners Trust. The Primary Role funding covers the employment costs of several the team plus office

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running costs etc. In addition, funding towards the employment costs of the team involved in the delivery of several Sport England programmes is also included here: Active Lives Young People Survey, School Games, Extended Workforce and Local Workforce.

APT Marketing & Comms - Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund marketing and communications.

SE Club Matters - Sport England funding awarded for 01/04/20 to 31/03/22 to support community sports clubs working with under-represented groups. Sport England have agreed an extended timescale this work.

SE CYP DFE - Sport England funding awarded for 01/09/20 to 31/03/21 to fund the development of young volunteers, leader and coaches to support school and community-based sport activity. Sport England have agreed this funding can be spent up to 31/03/23.

SE CYP School Facilities - Sport England funding to support schools to open their facilities for community use. This funding award (£393,975) runs from 25/03/21 to 31/08/21.

SE CYP - For 01/04/21 to 31/03/22, SE awarded APT £459,925 funding for young people activities. How this funding should be spent was not specified other than the requirement to deliver a school games programme. APT chose to allocate it to the following work areas and allocated the funding between these headings accordingly.

SE CYP School Games - Sport England funding awarded to deliver the school games programme across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

SE CYP Insight - Sport England funding allocated to increasing insight about young people.

SE CYP Place - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of new or existing activities to young people in community settings.

SE CYP Workforce - Sport England funding allocated to supporting the delivery of CPD opportunities to people working with young people in education and community settings.

SE Social Prescribing - Sport England Thriving Communities funding awarded from 01/10/20 to 30/09/23 to host a regional physical activity advisor post to influence local commissioning strategies across local authority areas in East and West Midlands. In addition to SE funding, this funding class also includes annual contributions from 9 Active Partnerships, including APT.

SE TIF - Sport England Tackling Inequalities funding (07/05/20 to 31/03/22) introduced as part of its COVID support and recovery. This programme is to help reduce the negative impact COVID-19 and the widening inequalities in sport and physical activity in specific target groups.

Transfers

Transfers include reallocations within restricted funds, the clearing down of restricted fund overspends with unrestricted funds, and the further designation of unrestricted funds.

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15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Designated funds	530,448	5,608	(27,528)	87,000	595,528
General funds	512,802	268,395	(78,594)	(224,356)	478,247
Restricted funds	614,583	1,956,656	(1,933,780)	137,356	774,815
	<u>1,657,833</u>	<u>2,230,659</u>	<u>(2,039,902)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,848,590</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
Designated funds	465,150	-	(132,767)	198,065	530,448
General funds	508,269	271,845	(35,848)	(231,464)	512,802
Restricted funds	818,068	1,874,728	(2,111,612)	33,399	614,583
	<u>1,791,487</u>	<u>2,146,573</u>	<u>(2,280,227)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,657,833</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,588	-	6,588
Fixed asset investments	908,907	-	908,907
Current assets	161,136	872,657	1,033,793
Creditors due within one year	(2,856)	(97,842)	(100,698)
Total	<u>1,073,775</u>	<u>774,815</u>	<u>1,848,590</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	5,187	-	5,187
Fixed asset investments	905,068	-	905,068
Current assets	199,432	682,780	882,212
Creditors due within one year	(66,437)	(68,197)	(134,634)
Total	<u><u>1,043,250</u></u>	<u><u>614,583</u></u>	<u><u>1,657,833</u></u>

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	190,757	(133,654)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6,010	6,441
Movement in debtors	7,568	3,876
Movement in creditors	(33,936)	44,681
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u><u>170,399</u></u>	<u><u>(78,656)</u></u>

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	1,009,526	850,377
Cash on fixed term deposit	908,907	905,068
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>1,918,433</u></u>	<u><u>1,755,445</u></u>

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19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021	Cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	850,377	159,149	1,009,526
	<u>850,377</u>	<u>159,149</u>	<u>1,009,526</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	2,372	9,464
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	2,372	4,744
	<u>4,744</u>	<u>14,208</u>

21. Charity Status

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

22. Related party transactions

C Hart is Leader of Erewash Borough Council. During the year ended 31 March 2022 the charity received grants of £15,117 (2021: £15,117) from the council. Payments totalling £380 (2021: £1,085) were made to the council for the purchase of equipment and volunteer training. C Hart is also Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Health & Communities. During the year ended 31 March 2022 the charity received grants of £289,000 (2021: £107,000) from the council. Payments totalling £45,375 (2021: £13,519) were made to the council for support in the opening of school facilities.

D Higon is the Service Director, Place and Communities, for Nottinghamshire County Council. During the year ended 31 March 2022 the charity received grants of £74,101 (2021: £51,500) from the council.

G Feek is Executive Director of Greenwood Academies Trust. During the year ended 31 March 2022, two schools in the Academy Trust received £15,875 funding via the schools facilities programme.

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Trustees	Sarah Fowler Derek Higton, Chair John Stephen Jackson, Chair (resigned 3 December 2020) Carol Hart Louise Bainbridge Danny Bouckley Graham Feek Richard Irons Jane Laughton Mark Shardlow (appointed 22 February 2021)
Company registered number	10876876
Charity registered number	1180787
Registered office	Derby Cubo Victoria Street Derby DE1 1EQ
Senior Management Team	Ilana Freestone, Chief Executive Officer Stuart Batchelor, Strategic Director Derbyshire Kerryn Rhodes-Chamberlin, Strategic Director Nottinghamshire Michelle Skinner, Strategic Director Cross Sector Relationships Margaret Blount, Head of Operations
Independent auditors	Bates Weston Audit Ltd Statutory Auditors Chartered Accountants The Mills Canal Street Derby DE1 2RJ
Bankers	Natwest Bank 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX

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Trustees' report
for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees, who are directors, for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Active Partners Trust (APT) is a company limited by guarantee, registered with Companies House on 20 July 2017. It has no share capital and the liability of each member is limited to £10. We applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity in March 2018 and confirmation was received in November 2018. Minor revisions were required to the charity's objects to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Hence APT operates under the rules of its memorandum dated 20 July 2017 and articles of association dated 29 October 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited by open advertisement and appointed based on skills and experience. Trustees cannot number less than two or more than 12 and at least 25% of trustees must be independent as defined in the Code for Sports Governance. Full details of trustee recruitment, appointment and powers are detailed in the articles of association.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees meet individually with the Chief Executive and/or Chair prior to attending their first meeting. An online induction checklist is shared and discussed. This checklist links to all the key governing documents, policies, strategies, delivery plans and financial information. The annual training budget includes provision for trustees' training. In September 2020, an on-line training session on the board's safeguarding responsibilities was held.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

On set up in 2017, the initial pay bands were set following a benchmarking exercise of similar roles in other Active Partnerships around the country. This information, along with the then salary scales of Derbyshire County Council and Nottingham Trent University were considered. The trustees agreed an APT Remuneration Policy on 7 May 2019. As stated in this policy, annual pay increases are not guaranteed and are not a contractual entitlement. Pay increases are considered based on an individual's performance and affordability. The APT Remuneration Policy will be reviewed in 2022.

Organisational structure

Active Partners Trust, set up in 2017, is a single legal entity which brought together the county sports partnerships (CSPs) in Derbyshire (previously Derbyshire Sport) and Nottinghamshire (previously Sport Notts). County Sports Partnerships are now referred to as Active Partnerships.

In Derbyshire we operate under the brand 'Active Derbyshire' and in Nottinghamshire, it is 'Active Notts'. In both counties we work with organisations and networks in the county to make physical activity, including sport, the norm for people who live, study or work in our communities by making sure it is easy for everyone to take part in their everyday lives: doing, volunteering or competing.

The responsibility for overall policy setting and strategic insight sits with the APT board of trustees, which aims to meet at least four times each year. Leadership panels were set up in 2019/20 for both Derbyshire and Notts to oversee delivery in the respective counties, to network and advocate on behalf of Active Derbyshire or Active Notts and to make recommendations to the board. Both the Active Notts panel and the Active Derbyshire panel met five times in 2020/21. The first joint panel meeting took place March 2021. The panels are chaired by APT trustees: Active Derbyshire panel by Sarah Fowler and the Active Notts panel by Graham Feek.

The APT board has also set up an audit committee, chaired by Stephen Jackson (Derek Higton from 03/12/20), to advise the trustees on finance and risk management. Three meetings of the audit committee were held in 2020/21.

Day to day management and service delivery is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, Ilana Freestone. APT has 24 employees (20.8 FTE) (March 2021) who have worked from home during this year.

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Objects and aims

Through the two teams: Active Derbyshire and Active Notts, APT works to make physical activity the norm for people who work, live or study in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The formal objectives of Active Partners Trust are:

- the advancement of amateur sport and the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the co-ordination of sporting and physical activities, and/or by the provision of research and/or resources, and/or by the provision of facilities for the playing of sports;
- the advancement of the education of the public in the subject of sport and physical recreation and the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, research and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in sport and physical activity;
- the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation; and
- the promotion, and/or provision of facilities for, recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said persons.

Objectives, strategies and activities

APT's purpose is to connect, influence and collaborate with a range of partners who share APT's organisational priorities:

- Supporting inactive people to become more active;
- Creating equality in participation and
- Keeping people active

Through insight and understanding of people and communities, APT's work focuses on connecting and supporting a diverse range of delivery partners, leveraging investment where it is most needed, building capacity and facilitating a collaborative approach to support delivery. APT works within the traditional sporting system across both counties, but also creates and develops new collaborative partnerships with a broader range of organisations and sectors including health and wellbeing, education, physical activity, transport, economic regeneration, planning and more. As we go forward, increasing the number of different partners that we work with will become even more important to reduce inactivity levels as it is widely understood that reducing inactivity and inequalities in physical activity behaviour requires a systems-based approach.

“There is not a single solution or intervention. Implementation requires a collective and co-ordinated response across all settings where people live, work and play – by all relevant stakeholders, at all levels to ensure a more active future.”

World Health Organisation WHO 2020

Due to COVID-19, the whole team started working from home from mid- March 2020. No members of the team were furloughed but some members of the team had reduced capacity due to caring responsibilities.

During 2020/21 the work of the APT team has still been focused on achieving the outcomes outlined in the two published strategies: Towards an Active Derbyshire 2016-2021 and Getting Active Together 2017-2021 (Notts). However, the team and individual priorities were frequently re-assessed to make sure we were focusing on key areas of work and supporting our partners, whose priorities had also changed. A key action for all, throughout this year, but especially from March 2020 to July 2020 was talking to public sector and community partners to understand what was happening in communities and how best we could support. All conversations were captured, reviewed, themes identified and this learning used to inform work priorities for the rest of the year and beyond.

During 2020/21 another key focus for the team and the Board was starting to work with partners to develop a

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new plan for the counties. This work was happening in parallel with Sport England who were also drafting and consulting on their new 10-year plan. Sport England launched 'Uniting the Movement' in January 2021. It is a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity, with a mission to tackle deep-rooted inequalities and unlock the advantage of being active for everyone.

Over the year, APT have focused on pulling together, into a story, all the relevant national data and insight and insight and learning from our work locally over the last four years including the impact of COVID-19. To do this we have listened to the voices and perspectives of people in our less active communities. We have checked and challenged this insight with the team and with external community and public sector partners and started, with these partners, to identify priorities for the new plan.

This work is on-going and the aim is to publish a new 10 year plan in autumn 2021.

In addition, during 2020/21 APT directly managed several funded programmes (Sport England and Royal Foundation funding) to reduce inequalities in participation, increase leadership (volunteering) and employability of young people. As part of the wider work to develop the local workforce, a virtual programme of training courses was organised for volunteers working in community sports clubs and/or community organisations in both counties. In Derbyshire a coach bursary programme remained open to support coaches and leaders gain additional qualifications, although applications were reduced as trainee coaches were unable to meet the practical requirements of their qualification.

Public benefit

Across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, **one in four adults** and **one in two** children and young people are **inactive**.

Being physically active can bring enormous benefits for our health, wellbeing and happiness. Creating active communities can help us to bring people together and make local decisions that build a better economic, environmental, and social future for us all.

Low levels of physical activity are a major public health challenge and a complex social problem to solve because inactivity often stems from many inter-related and complex problems. The drivers can be structural or personal, national or local, immediate or long-standing policy decisions.

The work that APT does leads to:

- Happier and healthier people
- Stronger and safer communities
- More prosperity in our patch.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Adapting to Covid-19

Seamless transition of whole team from working from two offices to working from home, learning how to best use the IT available to maintain regular contact with fellow team members and partners.

Reviewed and revised team priorities throughout the year to adapt to the ever-changing situation in communities, with partners and with team members. Consistent priorities throughout the year were:

- **Supporting people to remain active** during this time through messaging and signposting.
- **Supporting the system - keeping connected with partners both community and system.** Understand and support the here and now.
- **Delivery of programmes** - Tackling Inactivity Fund, Young Person's Fund, Active Lives. Flexibility around

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other programmes, considering what is needed now.

- **Continue with strategy development** – reviewing timescales and process.

Supported partners in the initial lock down by playing a role in recovery planning which was being led by the local authorities. Our Strategic and Place Leads were involved in various district level meetings.

To learn from Covid-19 we devised and distributed an outline survey to find out more about resident's attitudes to physical activity and their behaviours during the first lockdown – spring 2020. The survey was aligned to a national Sport England survey. It was open for a 2-week period and received 2500 responses. The survey findings were used, together with qualitative data, to inform on-going planning/decisions.

Produced and shared widely two county specific documents '**Impact of Covid-19 on increasing levels of physical activity**'. These documents summarized all that the team had heard from their many conversations with public and voluntary/community sector partners in the first lockdown and key headlines from our physical activity survey. This was shared to encourage further feedback on what partners were noticing and what they thought the collective response should be. The document was used start conversations with key partners in a number of local authorities across both counties e.g. Chesterfield, Ashfield.

Facilitated discussions with Locality Partnerships in Derbyshire, drawing on this learning, identifying key issues in a district to co-produce action plans for how and when to draw down the '**Moving on from Covid**' funding from Derbyshire Public Health.

Increasing physical activity levels of residents identified as a priority in several district's **Covid-19 recovery plans** (Derby) and/or new **Health and Wellbeing strategies** (Ashfield).

Shared regularly, via social media, up to date guidance on **current Covid-19 restrictions** and implications for exercise and sport, encouraging residents to do what they were allowed to do. Relevant web pages were kept up to date and were the most visited pages on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.

Moved conversations and updates online by setting up and hosting regular '**Talking Space**' zoom sessions for people working in physical activity in Derbyshire. Initially these were an informal space for partners to drop in and ask questions, make observations, sound out ideas about the Covid-19 situation and what might happen in the future. These evolved into a regular network session, attended by between 50 to 100 partners from both counties.

Topics covered included:

- Whole system approach to walking
- Putting recover and reinvent into practice
- Building back better
- Physical activity and the natural environment
- Positive messaging around physical activity during a pandemic
- Social prescribing and physical activity
- Challenges facing the leisure sector

Developing new county plans

Worked with Press Red to pull together all our **local learning and insight**, gained over the past four years, including our learning from Covid-19, national insight and relevant data e.g. Active Lives survey. This has allowed us to build up a comprehensive picture of adult and young people's participation in both counties for the following themes:

- Young People
- Priority Groups
- Active Environments
- Community and Systems

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Based on this assimilation of the insight and data, a narrative and emerging priorities were produced for each theme and these were sense checked internally with the team and externally with key partners with experience of working in the theme areas.

Started to **share these narratives and emerging priorities** with different audiences through Talking Spaces sessions, networking groups, one to one meetings. This work is the basis of the new county wide plans that will be published autumn 2021 outlining how partners in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire will work to support the Sport England's Uniting the Movement strategy in both counties.

Engaged fully in conversations at national level with Sport England about their emerging new strategy **Uniting the Movement** and organised several presentations and discussions with local partners and networks to bring them up to speed with the strategy and to allow them to feedback their views.

Strategic working

Change Nottingham – joined up with three other system partners working in Nottingham City to develop **systems leadership** in Nottingham, following a Community of Practice model. The purpose is to improve the system for those facing multiple disadvantage, deprivation and inequality from birth to later life in Nottingham. The first Community of Practice session, with 20 people, took place in January 21, facilitated by an expert provided by Lankelly Chase. This work is on-going.

Together We Move – for a healthier Nottingham

Developed a relationship with the Nottingham Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Steering Group and have worked collaboratively with this group to develop a movement for physical activity across the city. We have focused on creating the conditions to allow collaborative and cross-cutting work amongst the organisations who are part of the ICP. A narrative document was produced to explain the aims and way of working to new system partners and a **Together We Move tool kit** which pulled together the messages and resources organisations could share with their audiences to be active during winter 20/21 lockdown.

Walk Derbyshire – worked with key partners, including Derbyshire Public Health, to develop a whole system approach to promoting and supporting walking, particularly for residents who are inactive. Consultants were appointed to facilitate discussions and make recommendations. The work identified there are many opportunities for walking in Derbyshire, both in urban and rural areas, for leisure and as a part of residents' everyday lives. There are however gaps in the walking system, particularly in urban areas e.g. missing connections in footpaths and walkways. There are safety concerns from poor lighting, poor path maintenance and lack of waymarking. The barriers to walking, include personal motivation and differing priorities. The steering group are currently working together to co-produce the next steps to take this work forward in the county.

Derbyshire Cycle Plan review

Work started with partners to review the Derbyshire Cycle Plan. A consultant was recruited to lead on this work and recommendations for next steps will be produced later this year.

Place based working and programme delivery

On-going Place **based working** underway by members of APT team in key communities in both counties with low physical activity participation levels including Derby, Nottingham (Beechdale), Heanor, Coxmoor, Bellamy, Ollerton, Glossopdale, Petersham, Clay Cross and New Bolsover.

Overseen the management and completion of the independent **evaluations** of two SE funded **Active 4 Life** programmes in Nottingham (Beechdale area) and in Derbyshire.

Helped to facilitate the **Notts-wide coalition** for the following bids: Active Through Football, Green Social Prescribing Bid, Holiday Hunger Bid, Active Hospitals Bid and One step at a Time

Story Walks in Glossop

The Move More Glossop partnership tested the idea of story walks, aimed at families, in Manor Park, Glossop with a story about Manny the Mole doing morning exercise. Leaflets were printed and launched August 2020

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bank holiday weekend. It proved very popular and is estimated that over 500 people took part in the walk, feeding back very positively. The idea was taken forward and a second walk was launched in Howard Park for October 2020 half term and is being developed across parks in High Peak Borough Council

Beat the Street games were delivered in Clay Cross and Derby City. Usually a year long game, Sinfin in Derby and Clay Cross were chosen as part of a pilot of short 4-week games. Beat The Streets encourages schools, families, groups in the community to move in an active way between 'beat boxes', placed in their neighbourhood, to score points.

In Clay Cross, 2242 people took part, logging 8799 miles. In Sinfin, 1887 people joined in, logging 18545 miles. 4000 Active Lives surveys were completed by participants contributing to our local insight. Due to the success of the pilot, Derby City Council went on to do the full game and 30,000 joined. APT, Derby City Council and North East Derbyshire District Council developed new relationships as a result of the networks set up to deliver the game.

One Step at a Time pilot set up to help people who had become anxious or too frail to leave their house due to Covid-19, to have the support of a volunteer to go outside again. Pilot funding and capacity was secured through APT, Nottinghamshire County Council and City Care. Five pilot areas and host organisations were identified to deliver the pilot, all working slightly differently, building on their existing strengths, connections and networks:

- Mansfield CVS
- Bassetlaw CVS
- Ashfield Voluntary Action
- Jigsaw Homes, Gedling
- Age UK, Nottingham City

The pilots started to deliver September 2020, but the autumn and winter lockdowns had an impact as anxious residents again became reluctant to leave their homes. The organisations switched to providing support to people in their homes. As lock down released, with a trusted relationship now in place, volunteers returned to supporting residents take their first step outside. Learning from the pilots is being pulled together to identify what is required to make this sustainable and expand it to other places in the county.

Amber Valley and Bassetlaw were selected as two of 21 locations by Activity Alliance in February 2020 as part of phase 2 of the UK wide **GOGA** programme. The programme aims to learn how to support the very least active disabled and non-disabled people to be active together.

In Amber Valley a GOGA Development Officer was employed September 2020 to test and explore what it takes to secure population scale change in physical activity behaviour through a place-based approach in Heanor, focusing on inactive people who live with long-term limiting illness or disability. Covid-19 delayed progress, but time was spent pulling together insight, making connections, building relationships in preparation for face-to-face contact when safe to do so.

In Bassetlaw, this work is being led by Bassetlaw Action Centre.

Partnerships in Mansfield and Bolsover were awarded Sport England funding **We are Undefeatable** (November 2019) to support local systems help change the behaviour of inactive adults living with long term health conditions and to generate and share learning. The initial awards were for 12 months, but due to Covid-19, Sport England has extended the pilots up to September 2021.

We continued to be members of the 2 local oversight groups, supporting the project lead organisations, Mansfield CVS and now Bassetlaw CVS. Evaluation consultants were appointed during the year to assess the impact of these projects on policy development and future work in the two areas. An interim report was published for Mansfield in December 2020 which outlined key focus areas until September 2021 including:

- working with people with LTHC to offer sessions about additional welfare benefits e.g. PIP and Direct Payments that could fund physical activities

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- raising awareness of the benefits of free/low-cost informal physical activity opportunities that can be built into everyday life

Club Matters Local aims to learn from and understand the potential of the voluntary sector in supporting voluntary groups and organisations to adopt physical activity into their normal behaviours and agendas.

A lead for the Club Matters Local Work across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire was appointed. The postholder is employed by Community Action Derby on behalf of a collaborative leadership group that includes Sport England, APT and VCS infrastructure agencies from across Notts and Derbyshire. The work started with a needs analysis of 26 groups across the two counties. 93% of the groups that do not currently include any form of physical activity in their programmes, expressed an interest in doing so or learning more about what type of physical activity might work for them. Findings have been checked with VCS partners and planning work for Phase 2 is underway.

Young People's Fund (Satellite Clubs)

Sport England acknowledged the difficulties with delivery during Covid-19 lock downs and postponed reporting, relaxed the criteria and principles which allowed us to explore new types of initiatives with a wider age range (including families/siblings younger than 14).

In Nottinghamshire, Feel Good activity packs were developed in partnership with several community/voluntary groups and local authority partners and distributed across priority communities. Packs were localised to each specific area with a range of things included, e.g. sport and games equipment, activity cards, competitions, easy to make recipe ideas, art/craft equipment. Partners have used the packs to start or maintain relationships with local organisations and local people. The contact with residents helped us to gather insight to inform our future work.

In Derby City 750 CreateActive packs were distributed to disadvantaged children and families across Sinfen, Alvaston and Derwent. Co-ordinated by the Move More mentors in the city, volunteers from the community put the packs together and distributed them via schools. We captured the stories from the young people on how they were using the packs. This work opened up the conversation with schools around opening their facilities to the community.

Following two years of annual underspends of this Sport England funding, the team identified new organisations working with young people in communities and supported them to submit applications for this funding. This means in the last year of this funding, all the funding has been allocated and spend reconciled with Sport England.

Funding awarded in November 19 for **Supporting schools to open their facilities** to be spend by December 2020. During this time, we supported 15 schools (12 primary and 3 secondary) to open up their facilities. The support provided varied depending on the needs in the school. Brinsley School went from having no community offer to a broad and balanced offer that runs across the week and into the weekends. Due to the impact of lock down on young people's activities and school's ability to develop/take on new work, the programme funded several summer holiday activities at schools in Alvaston, Kimberley, Bluebell Hill and Awworth.

As unable to proceed as planned with the summer 2020 **School Games** county events, over the summer term 2020 we worked collaboratively with the School Games Organisers (SGOs) from both counties to create and publish a programme of weekly activities to help schools support parents and carers maintain an active routine for children and young people whilst at home or when socially distancing. The weekly activities were sport themed and included golf, football, tennis, orienteering, athletics, cricket, gymnastics, boccia, netball and badminton. All activities were developed so everyone could have a go using equipment found in the home and in whatever space they have available.

These resources helped us and SGOs maintain existing and build new relationships with schools. At the end of the summer term a survey was produced and circulated as widely as possible to gain feedback on the resources from parents and several case studies were produced on how they were used in schools.

Our approach was praised by Youth Sports Trust who shared our case studies as best practise and asked APT

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team members to present this work at the National Active Partnerships School Games Networking meeting.

For autumn 2020 term virtual competition calendars that schools could do with children in school, in class or at breaks were developed. It was all about the child's personal best, recording progress made over the 3 to 6 week competition window. Resources were produced to include individual score cards, class results sheet, school results sheet.

Planning for the 21-22 School Games programme started in February 2021 and followed the successful model of 20-21 by pulling together a groups of SGOs from both counties.

Marketing and Communications

Active at Home booklets

Move More Sheffield produced a great booklet as part of their long -term conditions work. With their agreement we amended this booklet to include local content and local contact numbers. Copies were printed and it was distributed to residents with long term conditions as part of the We are Undefeatable and GOGA work.

To help support people with no access to computers during lockdowns, we printed a further 170,000 Active at Home booklets and these were distributed through Notts ICS, Joined up Care Derbyshire and Derbyshire Public Health to vaccination and testing sites across both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to be given to people receiving vaccinations

Thank You campaign in Derbyshire and Notts

To replace the annual Sports awards this year, we developed an online campaign to thank the people and organisations who have helped make physical activity the norm over the past four years. Winter and spring 2021 we asked the general public to nominate people who they wanted to thank. Over a two-week period in May 21, we highlighted the people, groups, clubs and organisations that had been nominated, promoting their work widely on social media.

Workforce

The following virtual courses were delivered during the year:

- Safeguarding and Protecting Children 6 courses, 38 participants
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children for 16-18yr olds, 2 courses, 22 participants
- Time to Listen Safeguarding 2 courses, 20 participants
- Adult Mental Health Awareness 1 course, 16 participants
- Youth Mental Health Awareness 5 courses, 61 participants
- Youth Mental Health Champions 2 courses, 26 participants
- Inclusive Activity Programme 2 courses, 13 participants
- Club Matters Developing a Marketing Strategy 2 courses, 13 participants
- Club Matters Introduction to Legal Structures 2 courses, 9 participants
- Club Matters Leadership teams 4 courses, 35 participants
- Club Matters Planning for your Future 1 course, 5 participants
- Club Matters Volunteer Experience 2 courses, 20 participants
- Level 5 Certificate in Primary School Physical Education Specialism 1 programme, 13 participants
- Physical Education Policy writing 1 course, 21 participants
- Deep Dive into PE 4 courses, 107 participants

Funding

New applications submitted and new Sport England funding awarded to APT for:

- **Supporting schools to open their facilities** - £394k from March 21 to August 2021. This funding is to support schools to open their facilities outside of the normal school day to allow young people more opportunities to be physically active. It is targeted predominantly at schools with a high percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals, the least active and to provide more opportunities for pupils with

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special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to take part.

- **Tackling Inequalities Fund.** This was a new fund from Sport England to help reduce the negative impact of Covid-19 and the widening inequalities in sport and physical activity. APT successful submitted three applications for this funding, totalling £448k. Through the work of the team, £423.7k of this fund was allocated to support 121 applications from community and voluntary organisations supporting Black and Asian people, people with low household incomes, disabled people and people with long-term health conditions.
- Recipients of the funding were invited back together to share their experiences of supporting their users during this time, contributing to the learning of the team.
- **Thriving Communities** - £70.2k from October 2020 to September 2023 to fund a regional activity advisor post to support community organisations develop social prescribing opportunities.

Monthly funding e-newsletters produced and distributed during the year circulation increased by 20%, up to 4000 recipients.

Internal

Board member induction sessions and training were moved online. Two drop-in sessions were set up to hear from team members how the strategic and place leads develop their work in places and about the work of the Marketing team and the Funding Lead. These were set up as conversations, allowing new and more long-standing board members to ask questions. Board members found these sessions very useful and they were repeated in May 2021 for Active Derbyshire and Active Notts Panel members. A session on the safeguarding responsibilities of the Board was set up and delivered by the Child Protection in Sport Unit in August 2020.

Produced brief and appointed a consultancy to work with us on developing our **tone of voice** and language/vocabulary to use in future communications by the whole team. The appointed consultancy started this year and the final report and guidelines were produced in June 21. This has been a very positive contract and will have a significant influence on our written and verbal communication going forward.

Worked with Yorkshire Sport Foundation to develop our own version of their learning database called by APT **Insight Hub**. This is a internal for the team to use to log their reflections, their learning, the changes they are seeing in their work. Stories can be tagged so the data base can be searched.

BLM training and action planning

Consultancy appointed to review recruitment processes and materials to identify changes required to encourage more applications from people of other ethnicities for APT vacancies. Team conversation set up with a trusted black consultant to provide the team with a safe environment to hear about her experiences of racism growing up and in the work environment and to ask any questions they had.

Consultant appointed to carry out independent evaluation of the **effectiveness of the APT Board** and Panels to set APT's purpose, organisational priorities and oversee delivery. The evaluation to start April 2021 and on-going through to July 2021. This is a requirement of the Sport Governance Code.

Performance measurement

Evaluating the impact of the work of the team against APT's objectives and priorities is complex. Much of the work that the team does cannot be measured numerically. The team has developed several ways to capture the impact of their work and the changes they see in systems, organisations, individual partners and in themselves. Ways in which these changes are logged, recorded and shared include:

- Learning logs – kept by APT team members and partners working on collaborative projects,
- Insight Hub – this new IT system was introduced summer 2020 and a way for the team to capture and share stories of change. Stories are tagged and hence the system can be searched to pull out common themes.
- Partner feedback as part of individual team members' annual performance development reviews.
- A culture of asking for feedback either verbally or by email following key internal and external discussions. Responses are logged and shared.

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- Blogs published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.
- Case study videos published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts YouTube channels
- Talking Insight podcasts published on the Active Derbyshire and Active Notts websites.

Sport England, to assess the effectiveness of its funding, required all Active Partnerships to self-assess its performance against the Quest framework, produce an improvement plan and for this self-assessment and improvement plan to be verified by a two-day external assessment.

The two-day external assessment took place in January 2019, involving the whole team, trustees, panel members, key partners and stakeholders. The external assessment report was received in February 2019 and APT was assessed overall as 'Very Good' and rated 'Very Good' in each of the five modules.

The follow up to this Quest assessment, an improvement workshop with an external facilitator, due to take place spring 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19. This went ahead on 1st February 2021 when team members, board members, peers, national and local partners came together, with an external facilitator to consider and agree what matters in our place-based work and how to measure it. This was a great discussion and work is on-going to come up with the measures to reflect the new plan.

Following this workshop, our Assurance statement has been submitted as evidence of commitment to our continual improvement journey. This has now been approved by Sport England and means we have met the requirements for unlocking our funding award for 2021-22.

Financial review

In 2020/21, Sport England was the main funder with funding received (all restricted) for

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| • Primary role | 04/18-03/21 * |
| • Local Workforce Development | 04/19-03/21 * |
| • Satellite Clubs | 09/17-03/21 * |
| • Children and Young People | 09/20-03/21 * |
| • Young Leaders and Volunteers | 09/20-03/21 |
| • Opening up school facilities | 11/19-08/20 |
| • Opening up school facilities | 03/21-08/21 |
| • Extended Workforce Pilot | 07/18-03/21* |
| • Local Priority Places Nottingham | 10/18-03/21 |
| • Tackling Inequalities Fund | 04/20-03/22 |
| • Club Matters Local | 06/20-03/22 |
| • Thriving Communities | 10/20-09/23 |

In May 20 Sport England announce the APT's funding for the *awards would be extended until 03/22. APT expects to receive details of Sport England funding from April 2022 up to March 2027 by end of September 2021.

Local Authority funding, both project specific (restricted) and for core services (designated to location) is the next largest source of funding.

Core funding from Derbyshire County Council of £104k, for designated spend in Derbyshire, was received for 2020/21. The annual Funding Partner fees from Derby City Council and the District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire were also received (£137.6k). This funding was designated for spend in Derbyshire and Service Level Agreements were in place both for the county and district funding and meetings were held regularly to report progress against these SLAs.

£17.5k was received from Nottinghamshire County Council for the period June 2020 to June 2021 towards the costs of a Nottinghamshire Place Lead post and the provision of training courses for volunteers. This is the final year of a three-year funding agreement.

Work which started in the last quarter of financial year 2018/19 with Nottinghamshire County Council and all the

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district authorities in the county on the Nottinghamshire Physical Activity Insight Programme, continued in 2020/21. In 2020/21, £34k was received from Nottinghamshire County Council and £5k from Gedling Borough Council towards the total agreed local authority funding of £98k. This funding is to cover the costs of external insight consultants from April 2020 to March 2021.

The possible loss of local authority funding, in the future, is recognised as an amber risk in the APT risk register and actions are in place to mitigate this risk. This includes maintaining close relationships with key individuals to identify any issues early and by developing our relationships with departments delivering statutory responsibilities as well as with leisure departments (non-statutory). Any possible changes to future local authority funding commitments because of the COVID-19 pandemic are regularly reviewed.

The audit sub-committee met three times during the year to review the management accounts and draft 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets before these were presented to the Board. The audit committee also reviewed the following documents during the year before recommending Board approval:

- Financial Regulations,
- 2019/20 Audit Report and Management Issues,
- Reserves Policy,
- Risk Management Policy and
- Risk Register.

Going forward into 2021/22 APT is in a good position financially with Sport England primary role funding of £500k per year agreed until 03/22 and Sport England committing to funding Active Partnerships from April 2022 until at least March 2025 and with unrestricted reserves of £1,043,250, exceeding the designated sinking fund required (see Policy on reserves).

Policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy was reviewed and agreed by the Board on 3 December 2020. It was agreed that an appropriate provision within reserves must be available at a level to cover costs which would arise if a decision to cease operations needed to be taken by the APT Board, including the costs of:

- terminating employment contracts (calculated based on 3-month notice periods);
- terminating service provider contracts (calculated based on 3-month notice periods);
- settling any unexpired period of office lease;
- settling any contractual service delivery payments.

At the Board meeting held on the 11 March 2021, the trustees approved the 2021/22 budget with an increase to reserves to £400,000.

The unrestricted fund total figure shown in the 2020/21 Financial Activities statement is £1,043,250. Active Partners Trust was set up in July 2017 from the joining up of two existing organisations, Derbyshire Sport and Sports Notts. Both organisations held restricted and unrestricted reserves at the date of transfer. The first 20 months of operation was a period of transition, research and planning hence during this time, delivery expenditure was less than anticipated thus reserves increased.

In response to a request by the APT Board to review how reserves can be best use to deliver the APT vision, a funding plan was considered and approved at the APT Board meeting on the 8 August 2019. This approved the additional expenditure of £386,000 of reserves between April 2019 and March 2021.

However, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the team's ability to spend award funding for 2020/21 and the proposed expenditure in this funding plan. In terms of expenditure the focus of team's work in 2020/21 had been on spending 2020/21 award funding such as the new Tackling Inequalities Fund and the final year of the Satellite Clubs funding in a way that maximised support for priority groups to start, continue or restart physical activity during the COVID- 19 restrictions.

It has been agreed that once the new plan is in place, a new reserves funding plan will be produced to support

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delivery of the priorities in the new plan by the APT team and or partners.

Note 16 provides a further breakdown of this 2020/21 unrestricted fund total. £530,448 of this unrestricted total is committed or designated funding.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Active Partners Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 2 December 2021

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Independent auditors' report to the Members of Active Partners Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Active Partners Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

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- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry in which it operates, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including

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those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wayne Thomas ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bates Weston Audit Ltd

Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants

The Mills

Canal Street

Derby

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13 December 2021

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	254,751	507,333	762,084	759,084
Charitable activities	3	12,791	1,367,395	1,380,186	1,085,695
Other trading activities	4	(765)	-	(765)	3,905
Investments	5	5,068	-	5,068	-
		<u>271,845</u>	<u>1,874,728</u>	<u>2,146,573</u>	<u>1,848,684</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	168,615	2,111,612	2,280,227	1,677,057
		<u>168,615</u>	<u>2,111,612</u>	<u>2,280,227</u>	<u>1,677,057</u>
Net income/(expenditure)					
Transfers between funds	16	103,230 (33,399)	(236,884) 33,399	(133,654) -	171,627 -
		<u>69,831</u>	<u>(203,485)</u>	<u>(133,654)</u>	<u>171,627</u>
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		973,419	818,068	1,791,487	1,619,860
Net movement in funds		69,831	(203,485)	(133,654)	171,627
		<u>1,043,250</u>	<u>614,583</u>	<u>1,657,833</u>	<u>1,791,487</u>
Total funds carried forward					

The notes on pages 20 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	5,187	7,373
Investments	12	905,068	-
		910,255	7,373
Current assets			
Debtors	13	31,835	35,711
Investments	14	-	900,000
Cash at bank and in hand		850,377	938,356
		882,212	1,874,067
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(134,634)	(89,953)
		747,578	1,784,114
Net current assets		747,578	1,784,114
Total assets less current liabilities		1,657,833	1,791,487
Total net assets		1,657,833	1,791,487
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	614,583	818,068
Unrestricted funds	16	1,043,250	973,419
Total funds		1,657,833	1,791,487

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Derek Higton

Date: 2 December 2021

The notes on pages 20 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(78,656)	293,432
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(4,255)	(2,735)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(4,255)	(2,735)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(82,911)	290,697
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,838,356	1,547,659
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,755,445	1,838,356
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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Active Partners Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

No material uncertainties exist regarding going concern.

1.3 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable unless future performance-related conditions are specified that have not been met. Grants received before the income recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 33.3% straight line
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1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funding partners to support activities carried out by the charity during the period.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Government grants				
Derby City Council	25,056	-	25,056	25,056
Amber Valley Borough Council	15,701	-	15,701	15,701
Erewash Borough Council	15,117	-	15,117	15,117
South Derbyshire District Council	12,191	-	12,191	12,190
Derbyshire County Council	107,000	-	107,000	104,000
High Peak Borough Council	13,603	-	13,603	13,603
Derbyshire Dales District Council	11,823	-	11,823	11,823
Chesterfield Borough Council	14,610	-	14,610	14,610
North East Derbyshire District Council	14,450	-	14,450	14,450
Bolsover District Council	12,075	-	12,075	12,075
Nottinghamshire County Council	13,125	-	13,125	13,125
Total government grants	254,751	-	254,751	251,750
Other grants	-	507,333	507,333	507,334
	-	507,333	507,333	507,334
Total 2021	254,751	507,333	762,084	759,084
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>251,750</i>	<i>507,334</i>	<i>759,084</i>	

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grants	9,608	1,315,135	1,324,743	1,032,879
Training fees	3,460	12,155	15,615	4,456
Other fees	(277)	40,105	39,828	48,360
Total 2021	12,791	1,367,395	1,380,186	1,085,695

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4. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Property rental income	(765)	(765)	3,905
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>3,905</u>	<u>3,905</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Investment income	5,068	5,068	-

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Young people's participation	13,417	565,965	579,382	420,604
Place based work (ABCD)	29,630	384,130	413,760	393,869
Priority group support & advocacy	14,473	645,551	660,024	191,715
Workforce development	24,609	281,710	306,319	325,866
Insight	86,486	234,256	320,742	345,003
	<u>168,615</u>	<u>2,111,612</u>	<u>2,280,227</u>	<u>1,677,057</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Young people's participation	404,000	175,382	579,382	420,604
Place based work (ABCD)	107,500	306,260	413,760	393,869
Priority group support & advocacy	457,300	202,724	660,024	191,715
Workforce development	106,234	200,085	306,319	325,866
Insight	99,500	221,242	320,742	345,003
	<u>1,174,534</u>	<u>1,105,693</u>	<u>2,280,227</u>	<u>1,677,057</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>583,234</u>	<u>1,093,823</u>	<u>1,677,057</u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Young people's participation 2021 £	Place based work (ABCD) 2021 £	Priority group support & advocacy 2021 £	Workforce development 2021 £
Staff costs	124,727	268,730	171,342	168,703
Premises and IT	14,031	21,280	15,132	15,132
Consultancy	31,285	-	-	-
Marketing	5,339	16,250	16,250	16,250
	<u>175,382</u>	<u>306,260</u>	<u>202,724</u>	<u>200,085</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	Insight 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Staff costs	183,811	917,313	938,712
Premises and IT	13,241	78,816	72,822
Consultancy	7,940	39,225	13,835
Marketing	16,250	70,339	68,454
	<u>221,242</u>	<u>1,105,693</u>	<u>1,093,823</u>

Support costs are allocated in proportion to overall staff time spent on each activity.

8. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £7,140 (2020 - £7,100).

9. Staff costs

	2021 £	<i>2020 £</i>
Wages and salaries	792,813	822,289
Social security costs	72,786	73,355
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	51,714	43,068
	<u>917,313</u>	<u>938,712</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
Average number of employees	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

23 (2020 - 24) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £276,956 (2020 - £277,715).

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise the senior management team as listed in the reference and administrative section on page 1.

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10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £447).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	16,444
Additions	4,255
	20,699
At 31 March 2021	20,699
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	9,071
Charge for the year	6,441
	15,512
At 31 March 2021	15,512
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	5,187
At 31 March 2020	7,373

12. Fixed asset investments

	£
Transfers between classes	905,068
	905,068
At 31 March 2021	905,068
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	905,068

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12. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Fixed asset investments continue to be held in fixed term deposit accounts.

13. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	9,441	4,313
Prepayments and accrued income	22,394	31,398
	31,835	35,711
	31,835	35,711

14. Current asset investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash held on short term deposit	-	900,000
	-	900,000
	-	900,000

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	70,613	36,963
Other taxation and social security	21,309	18,498
Accrued expenses	42,712	34,492
	134,634	89,953
	134,634	89,953

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	300,000	-	-	50,000	350,000
Committed projects	165,150	-	(132,767)	148,065	180,448
	<u>465,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(132,767)</u>	<u>198,065</u>	<u>530,448</u>
General funds					
General fund	508,269	271,845	(35,848)	(231,464)	512,802
	<u>973,419</u>	<u>271,845</u>	<u>(168,615)</u>	<u>(33,399)</u>	<u>1,043,250</u>
Restricted funds					
SE TIF	-	448,000	(363,464)	800	85,336
AD DCC DSSA	16,000	-	(8,000)	-	8,000
AD DCC Public Health	178,000	-	(6,006)	-	171,994
AD Derby City	11,612	-	(1,447)	2,000	12,165
AD GOGA	-	40,307	(41,620)	30,000	28,687
AN Coach Core	12,666	-	(645)	849	12,870
AD Coach Core	37,516	20,000	(56,667)	(849)	-
SE APT Core	57,396	944,514	(942,119)	(23,435)	36,356
SE APT Primary School Support	32,950	32,981	(16,182)	(5,879)	43,870
SE APT Satellite Clubs	188,469	127,479	(316,827)	1,000	121
SE APT School Games	35,667	23,786	(35,715)	(1,928)	21,810
SE Ext WF Cap & Con	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
SE AN Priority Places	91,363	83,680	(117,916)	(1,800)	55,327
SE School facilities	90,889	-	(83,326)	(8,500)	(937)
SE Dfe	12,136	16,000	(18,024)	4,500	14,612
APT Insight	(463)	-	(15,000)	15,463	-
SE Club Matters	-	36,000	(20,012)	10,000	25,988
AN PH	25,986	39,000	(25,664)	-	39,322
SE Social Prescribing	-	19,080	(5,719)	820	14,181
Funds below £15k	27,881	18,901	(37,259)	10,358	19,881

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
	818,068	1,874,728	(2,111,612)	33,399	614,583
Total of funds	1,791,487	2,146,573	(2,280,227)	-	1,657,833

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Sinking fund	160,000	-	-	140,000	300,000
Committed projects	164,442	1,000	(77,854)	77,562	165,150
	324,442	1,000	(77,854)	217,562	465,150
General funds					
General fund	697,252	265,403	(160,404)	(293,982)	508,269
Total Unrestricted funds	1,021,694	266,403	(238,258)	(76,420)	973,419
Restricted funds					
AD CAYA CPD	21,280	1,498	(5,216)	(17,562)	-
AD DCC DSSA	24,000	-	(8,000)	-	16,000
AD DCC Public Health	146,000	-	-	32,000	178,000
AD Derby City	22,068	4,950	(18,406)	3,000	11,612
AD High Peak	28,724	-	(28,724)	-	-
AN Coach Core	30,618	-	(8,452)	(9,500)	12,666
AD Coach Core	-	70,000	(33,109)	625	37,516
SE APT Core	63,484	841,052	(854,997)	7,857	57,396

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</i>
SE APT Primary School Support	21,743	53,009	(41,802)	-	32,950
SE APT Satellite Clubs	113,910	234,701	(160,142)	-	188,469
SE APT School Games	34,344	60,250	(58,927)	-	35,667
SE APT Workforce	5,000	10,200	(10,655)	-	4,545
SE AN Priority Places	58,804	95,380	(62,821)	-	91,363
SE School facilities	-	109,251	(11,362)	(7,000)	90,889
SE Dfe	-	17,600	(5,464)	-	12,136
APT Insight	-	-	(15,463)	15,000	(463)
APT Marketing & Comms	-	-	(22,206)	20,000	(2,206)
AN PH	15,000	39,398	(60,412)	32,000	25,986
Funds below £15k	13,191	44,992	(32,641)	-	25,542
	<u>598,166</u>	<u>1,582,281</u>	<u>(1,438,799)</u>	<u>76,420</u>	<u>818,068</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,619,860</u></u>	<u><u>1,848,684</u></u>	<u><u>(1,677,057)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,791,487</u></u>

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17. Purpose of funds

The specific purposes for which the restricted funds are to be applied are as follows:

AD Coach Core- Funding award from the Royal Foundation for a Derbyshire Coach Core programme: an apprenticeship scheme for young people aged 16-24. The funding is to support Coach Core employers and the grant period is 23/09/19 to 30/09/20. The delivery of this programme was terminated by COVID-19 and unspent funding has been returned to the Royal Foundation.

AD DCC DSSA- This is part of the Physical Activity: Local Innovation Fund awarded by Derbyshire County Council. This totals £24,000 over 3 years from 01/03/19 to 28/02/22 to finance the Derbyshire School Sports Association to support young people's engagement in school-based sport and physical activity. 100% of this funding will be paid out to DSSA.

AD DCC Public Health- This is part of the Physical Activity: Local Innovation Fund awarded by Derbyshire County Council (renamed COVID Recovery Fund). The funding is over 3 years from 01/03/19 to 28/02/22 to support place-based working in the county. 100% of this funding will be paid out to place based partners.

AD Derby City- Funding from Derby City Council towards insight work in the city.

AD GOGA- Three-year funding award (April 2020 to March 2023) from Activity Alliance to support disabled and non-disabled people to be active together. This programme is focused on Heanor and surrounding area. It is managed by the Active Amber Valley partnership and APT, as a member of this partnership is the accountable body for this funding award.

AN Coach Core- Funding award from the Royal Foundation for a Nottinghamshire Coach Core programme: an apprenticeship scheme for young people aged 16-24. The funding was to support Coach Core employers and the grant period was 30/09/18 to 31/08/19. Royal Foundation are aware of the underspend and discussions are on-going to spend this funding to support young people in Nottinghamshire.

AN NCC LIS- Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme for training for volunteers working in physical activity and sport in Nottinghamshire. This is part of a three-year funding agreement from 01/07/18 to 30/06/21.

AN PH- Funding from Nottinghamshire County Council and other local authorities in the county towards the costs of the Nottinghamshire Physical Activity Insight work, a two-year work programme from 01/04/19 to 31/03/21. Delivery of this has been delayed by COVID-19 therefore will continue into 2021/22.

AN SE Priority Places- Funding from Sport England 01/10/18-31/03/21 to finance the Nottingham local priority places pilot work. This project has now ended with an underspend. Sport England have agreed that the underspend can be spent in Nottingham, with their prior approval.

APT Core R- This includes Primary Role funding from Sport England towards the core costs of Active Partners Trust. The Primary Role funding covers the employment costs of several the team plus office running costs etc. In addition, funding towards the employment costs of several the team involved in the delivery of 7 Sport England programmes is also included here: Active Lives Young People Survey, School Games, Primary School Premium, Young Leaders and Volunteers, Extended Workforce, Workforce and Satellite Clubs.

APT Insight- Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund insight work.

APT Marketing & Comms R- Part of the Sport England Primary Role funding which is to fund marketing and communications.

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APT Undefeatables- Funding received from 2 Undefeatable partner organisations as their contribution towards the costs of project evaluation.

SE Active Lives Survey- Sport England funding awarded for 01/09/20 to 31/03/21 to encourage and support selected schools to complete the national Active Lives Survey of Children and Young People. This is the last year of this funding in this format. From April 2021, funding to support this work, if required, will be included in a single Young Peoples funding allocation.

SE Club Matters- Sport England funding awarded for 01/04/20 to 31/03/22 to support community sports clubs working with under-represented groups.

SE CYP DFE- Sport England funding awarded for 01/09/20 to 31/03/21 to fund the development of young volunteers, leader and coaches to support school and community-based sport activity.

SE CYP Facilities- Sport England funding to support schools to open their facilities for community use. This funding award runs from 01/11/19 to 31/08/20.

SE CYP School Games- Sport England funding awarded for 01/09/20 to 31/03/21 to deliver the school games county festivals in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. This is the last year of this funding in this format. From April 2021, funding to support this work, if required, will be included in a single Young Peoples funding allocation.

SE Ext Wf Cap & Con- Sport England funding awarded for the period of 01/07/18 to 31/03/21 for a partnership project between Sport England nationally and APT to explore ways to strengthen the relationship between local and national strategy and delivery and to connect local resource, intelligence and experience to national programme design. Further funding has been awarded for 01/04/21 to 31/03/22.

SE Primary School Support- Sport England funding awarded 01/09/20 to 31/03/21 to assess the impact of the Primary PE and Sport Premium including mapping how all primary schools in both counties are using this funding, supporting schools to make best use of the funding, including working intensively with a small number of schools. From April 2021, funding to support this work, if required, will be included in a single Young Peoples funding allocation.

SE Satellite Clubs-Sport England funding, awarded for period 01/09/17 to 31/03/21 to help young people aged 14-19 years old, who dip in and out of being active to become active on a regular basis. The programme is to target groups of young people from under-represented groups (disabled, young women and young people living in disadvantaged communities) particularly at "points of disruption" i.e., transition to another school/ educational establishment or into employment. From April 2021, funding to support this work, if required, will be included in a single Young Peoples funding allocation.

SE Social Prescribing- Sport England Thriving Communities funding awarded from 01/10/20 to 30/09/21 to host a regional physical activity advisor post to influence local commissioning strategies across local authority areas in East and West Midlands. In addition to SE funding, this funding class also includes annual contributions from 9 Active Partnerships, including APT.

SE TIF- Sport England Tackling Inequalities funding (07/05/20 to 31/03/22) introduced as part of its COVID support and recovery. This programme is to help reduce the negative impact COVID-19 and the widening inequalities in sport and physical activity in specific target groups.

SE Workforce- Sport England funding to support the development of workforce as detailed in APT's Workforce Development Plan. This funding award runs from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/21.

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Transfers

Numerous transfers were made into and out of the APT Core unrestricted fund. Notably a transfer of £80,248 was made in order to provide additional funds for the Marketing and Communications budget. Furthermore, a total of £32,851 was transferred from the APT Core unrestricted fund for additional Insight budget. This was in order to cover the increased costs incurred in 2020/21 in preparation for writing the new APT strategy. Finally, £10,000 was transferred to SE Club Matters funding as this was outlined in APT's award application to Sport England.

With respect to the APT Core restricted fund, £20,000 was allocated from the SE primary funding award for marketing, making it easier to manage by being in it's own budget class. Additionally, £15,000 was allocated from the SE primary funding award for Insight. Similarly to the £20,000 allocation, this makes it easier to manage. Furthermore, £8,500 was transferred into the fund for the employment costs of 2 employees who are supporting work on the SE CYP School Facilities project.

18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Designated funds	465,150	-	(132,767)	198,065	530,448
General funds	508,269	271,845	(35,848)	(231,464)	512,802
Restricted funds	818,068	1,874,728	(2,111,612)	33,399	614,583
	<u>1,791,487</u>	<u>2,146,573</u>	<u>(2,280,227)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,657,833</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at</i> <i>1 April 2019</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers</i> <i>in/out</i> £	<i>Balance at</i> <i>31 March</i> <i>2020</i> £
Designated funds	324,442	1,000	(77,854)	217,562	465,150
General funds	697,252	265,403	(160,404)	(293,982)	508,269
Restricted funds	598,166	1,582,281	(1,438,799)	76,420	818,068
	<u>1,619,860</u>	<u>1,848,684</u>	<u>(1,677,057)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,791,487</u>

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,187	-	5,187
Fixed asset investments	905,068	-	905,068
Current assets	199,432	682,780	882,212
Creditors due within one year	(66,437)	(68,197)	(134,634)
Total	<u>1,043,250</u>	<u>614,583</u>	<u>1,657,833</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	7,373	-	7,373
Current assets	1,055,999	818,068	1,874,067
Creditors due within one year	(89,953)	-	(89,953)
Total	<u>973,419</u>	<u>818,068</u>	<u>1,791,487</u>

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(133,654)</u>	<u>171,627</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6,441	6,480
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	-	746
Movement in debtors	3,876	143,239
Movement in creditors	44,681	(28,660)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(78,656)</u>	<u>293,432</u>

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21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	850,377	938,356
Cash on fixed term deposit	905,068	900,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,755,445	1,838,356

22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	938,356	(87,979)	850,377
Cash on fixed term deposit	900,000	5,068	905,068
	1,838,356	(82,911)	1,755,445

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2021 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than 1 year	9,464	7,767
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	4,744	1,771
	14,208	9,538

The charity has a three year lease with North East Derbyshire District Council for Unit 23 in Coney Green Business Centre, Clay Cross. The lease started 01/10/18 at a cost of £5,500 pa plus VAT, with a three month break clause. A decision has been made to terminate this lease and it will end on 28 August 2021. The disclosure above reflects payments to be made to the end of August 2021.

There is also a lease for five years with Nottingham Trent University for the Clifton based office. This expires 14 December 2022. The rent is £12,000 pa plus VAT, with a three month break clause. A decision has been made to terminate this lease to the end of July 2021.

Going forward most of the APT team will become home based, with the ability to access hot desks in flexible office accommodation in Derby, Nottingham and Sheffield. Membership of Cubo commenced on 1 June 2021. The current contract is for a six-month term, ending 30 November 2021. After this date the agreement will continue on a rolling month to month basis.

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24. Charity Status

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

25. Related party transactions

C Hart is Leader of Erewash Borough Council. During the year ended 31 March 2021 the charity received grants of £15,117 (2020: £15,117) from the council. Payments were made to the council totalling £1,085 (2020: £2,000) this year for the purchase of equipment and volunteer training.