

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1181011

The Children's Village
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2023

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Financial Statements
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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Children's Village

Charity registration number 1181011

Principal office The Children's Village
Leacroft
Hadley End
Yoxall
Burton-on-Trent
DE13 8PF

The trustees

R Palmer	
J Grinsted	
D R Wright	(Appointed 1 August 2023)
O Hills	(Appointed 1 December 2023)
C Fletcher	
G Fletcher	
K J Davies	(Appointed 24 April 2023)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

The name of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) is The Children's Village. The income and property of the CIO must be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives. If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

The first charity trustees are as follows:

Gary Padbury Fletcher

Claire Louise Fletcher

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO are the relief of those in need because of youth, ill-health or other disadvantage by the provision of respite holidays or other accommodation for young people and their families. The CIO is known by the name Kids' Village to its supporters and details of the charity can be found on the website at www.kidsvillage.org.uk.

The clear aim of the charity is to help children with critical illnesses and their families across the UK by giving them crucial respite from the trauma of being in hospitals. We want to give them all hope, positivity and confidence through creating magical holiday experiences that will provide them all with amazing memories away from the day to day stresses of the medical environment.

The charity has paid due regard to the public benefit guidance posted by the Charity Commission and ensures that its activities benefit the public in line with its objectives and purposes stated above.

Achievements and performance

After 5 years of hard work behind the scenes, Kids' Village secured planning permission on 29th November 2022. A significant part of the planning permission was the legal agreement 'section 106' which was finally executed on 22nd December 2023. Subsequent to the year end of these financial statements, a long-term lease was agreed with the land owner in January 2024. This will allow Kids' Village to proceed with significant profile building and fundraising efforts in the period ahead, augmented by further new additions to the Trustee group and the appointment of a professional team to raise the funds required to build the facility.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2023

Financial review

In the financial period to 31 December 2023 donations and legacies contributed £40,325 to the charity and £53,840 was raised from fundraising, all income was unrestricted in nature including £6 of other income. Costs incurred were £26,636 which includes a write back of historical depreciation charged of £52,283. This has resulted in funds carried forward of £145,316.

Reserves Policy

Currently the Kids' Village reserves policy is to build up reserves as great as possible whilst the charity is in the process of developing the holiday village. Upon development the trustees will look to review this policy.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 11 March 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



C Fletcher
Trustee

The Children's Village

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Children's Village

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Children's Village ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P. Miller-Hawkes

Philippa Miller-Hawkes BA CA
Independent Examiner

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The Children's Village
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	40,325	40,325	28,106
Other trading activities	6	53,840	53,840	78,696
Other income	7	6	6	–
Total income		<u>94,171</u>	<u>94,171</u>	<u>106,802</u>
Expenditure				
Analysis of support costs	8,9	26,636	26,636	76,770
Total expenditure		<u>26,636</u>	<u>26,636</u>	<u>76,770</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>67,535</u>	<u>67,535</u>	<u>30,032</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		77,781	77,781	47,749
Total funds carried forward		<u>145,316</u>	<u>145,316</u>	<u>77,781</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	57,036	4,753
Current assets			
Debtors	15	29,963	1,448
Cash at bank and in hand		62,097	75,432
		92,060	76,880
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	3,780	3,852
Net current assets		88,280	73,028
Total assets less current liabilities		145,316	77,781
Net assets		145,316	77,781
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		145,316	77,781
Total charity funds	17	145,316	77,781

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11 March 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



C Fletcher
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Children's Village
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Children's Village, Leacroft, Hadley End, Yoxall, Burton-on-Trent, DE13 8PF.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a small charity as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102) and has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 20% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

4. Employee numbers

There were no staff members employed by the charity during the year (2022: Nil).

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations				
Donations	35,380	35,380	31,680	31,680
Gift Aid	4,945	4,945	(3,574)	(3,574)
	<u>40,325</u>	<u>40,325</u>	<u>28,106</u>	<u>28,106</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	<u>53,840</u>	<u>53,840</u>	<u>78,696</u>	<u>78,696</u>

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest received on Gift Aid claims	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	14,099	14,099	42,976	42,976
Support costs	12,537	12,537	33,794	33,794
	<u>26,636</u>	<u>26,636</u>	<u>76,770</u>	<u>76,770</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2023	Total fund 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	14,099	–	14,099	42,976
Governance costs	–	12,537	12,537	33,794
	<u>14,099</u>	<u>12,537</u>	<u>26,636</u>	<u>76,770</u>

10. Analysis of support costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Professional fees	46,418	46,418	8,355	8,355
Website costs	9,855	9,855	2,688	2,688
Postage and stationery	155	155	21	21
Accountancy fees	3,960	3,960	3,600	3,600
Depreciation on tangible assets	(52,283)	(52,283)	19,012	19,012
Office costs	1,024	1,024	118	118
Other establishment costs	576	576	–	–
Advertising and publicity	2,832	2,832	–	–
	<u>12,537</u>	<u>12,537</u>	<u>33,794</u>	<u>33,794</u>

Support costs for 2023 includes the write back of all historical depreciation charged on the booking system which was developed between 2019 and 2020. Once the booking system is in use, this will be depreciated accordingly over the useful economic life of the asset.

11. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>(52,283)</u>	<u>19,012</u>

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12. Independent examination fees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>3,780</u>	<u>3,600</u>

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees give freely their time without any form of remuneration or other form of benefit. No trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>57,036</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	52,283
Charge for the year	<u>(52,283)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>—</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>57,036</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>4,753</u>

15. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	713	1,400
Other debtors	<u>29,250</u>	<u>48</u>
	<u>29,963</u>	<u>1,448</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	—	252
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,780</u>	<u>3,600</u>
	<u>3,780</u>	<u>3,852</u>

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17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>77,781</u>	<u>94,171</u>	<u>(26,636)</u>	<u>145,316</u>

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>47,749</u>	<u>106,802</u>	<u>(76,770)</u>	<u>77,781</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	57,036	57,036
Current assets	92,060	92,060
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(3,780)</u>	<u>(3,780)</u>
Net assets	<u>145,316</u>	<u>145,316</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,753	4,753
Current assets	76,880	76,880
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(3,852)</u>	<u>(3,852)</u>
Net assets	<u>77,781</u>	<u>77,781</u>

19. Related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £17,280 from trustees, related companies and close family members of the trustees.