

# AT THE BUS

England & Wales · Charity number 1181294

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-12-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND MENTAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND OTHER CHALLENGES AND COMPLEX NEEDS BY PROVIDING ART-AS-THERAPY PROGRAMMES THAT, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT WITH LEARNING AND INCLUSION IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING CHALLENGES IN THEIR LIVES.

**Activities:** AT The Bus offers a school-based programme of art as therapy to support the education, health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 5-16 in Oxfordshire and London. Group sessions take place during the school day in a purposely designed therapeutic studio space in a double decker bus located on school grounds or in specially designed studio spaces.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Kensington And Chelsea
- Oxfordshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£788,926	£717,463	£255,262	19
2024-08-31	£583,339	£615,571	£183,799	19
2023-08-31	£282,799	£288,897	-	-
2022-12-31	£318,285	£277,667	-	-
2021-12-31	£250,794	£225,371	-	-
2020-12-31	£113,757	£96,727	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Deryn Mary Harvey</b>	Chair	2022-11-12
Anthony Mannix		2023-10-18
Bernadette Gloria Olabisi Lowe		2022-11-12
Graeme Jones		2022-10-07
Nelly-Sabine Rachel Cecile de Rothschild Munthe		2022-05-24
Susanna Rose Lawson		2022-05-13

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# Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024/5



“Coming to AT The Bus gives me a break from the stresses I feel and friendly faces I can talk to about anything knowing I won’t be judged. It has given me more confidence in my school and everyday life.”

AT The Bus Student



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a. INTRODUCTION

The Trustees are delighted to present our 2024/5 annual report together with the financial statements for the charity, which demonstrate our growth and progress in the period from 1 September 2024 to August 31 2025.\* As we reflect on our sixth year supporting children’s wellbeing through art, we are proud to report that we have managed to achieve steady growth and increase our reach in response to the growing demand from schools.

For more information about the vital work of AT The Bus we invite you to visit our website, [www.atthebus.org.uk](http://www.atthebus.org.uk), to watch a short film demonstrating the impact of our work in the words of the Headteachers and children & young people we work with, and to read our latest Impact Report.

*“AT The Bus feels like taking deep breaths after coming from outside.”*  
Pupil, London Primary School



Self-portrait clocks, London Primary Schools

## b. ABOUT AT THE BUS

Responding to the urgent crisis in children and young people’s wellbeing, AT The Bus uses the power of art and creativity to support children’s wellbeing and engagement at school. We work with children and young people aged 5 to 16 in mainstream primary, secondary and special schools.

Using The Beattie Method, developed by our founder Juli Beattie OBE, we provide a unique relationship-based group intervention to help children and young people with complex needs. Our art-as-therapy programmes build self esteem, confidence and social skills, and support pupils to re-engage in learning. We also provide workshops and training for families, teachers and external partners to learn our approach and improve their vocational skills, extending our impact.

Independent research by the University of Oxford shows The Beattie Method’s positive impact on wellbeing measures. Qualitative work by Bath Spa University demonstrates our impact on school attendance, behaviour and educational attainment for children and identifies a ripple effect for the wider school community. Young people tell us they enjoy AT The Bus, feel respected and supported, and would recommend it to their friends.

*“Because of the Bus, I now come to school regularly”*

AT The Bus student



## C. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL

AT The Bus is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with registered charity number 1181294, based and administered in the United Kingdom.

The formal objectives of the charity are:

1. The advancement of education and preservation and protection of health and mental wellbeing of children and young people experiencing emotional, behavioural and other challenges and complex needs by providing art-as-therapy programmes that, amongst other things, promote engagement with learning and inclusion in schools and communities, for the public benefit.
2. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing training and support for those who work with children and young people experiencing challenges in their lives.

The charity's office is: AT The Bus, c/o New Marston Primary School, Copse Lane, Oxford OX3 OAY

Financial reporting period: The charity's financial year aligns with the school academic year and runs from 1 September to 31 August. This report provides details for the financial year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the period of this report are:

- Deryn Harvey (Chair) - appointed as trustee 12/11/2022
- Graeme Jones (Treasurer and Vice-Chair) - appointed as trustee 7/10/2022
- Susanna Lawson - appointed as trustee 13/05/2022, re-appointed 22/10/2024
- Bernadette Lowe - appointed as trustee 12/11/2022
- Anthony Mannix (representative of partner schools) - appointed as trustee 18/10/2023
- Nelly-Sabine Munthe - appointed as trustee 24/05/2022, re-appointed 02/04/2025

The trustees did not hold any beneficial interest in the Charity's funds at 31 August 2024 or at any time during or since that period.

### **Bankers:**

- Santander Business, Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.
- The Co-operative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE
- The Charity Bank Limited, Fosse House, 182 High Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BE
- Telleroo, St Mary's Court, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, England, HP7 0UT

### **Solicitors:**

- Ropes & Gray LLP, 60 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7AW

### **Accountants:**

- SPX Oxford Ltd, Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD

### **Independent Examiner:**

- Simrit Sandhu FCCA (organised by SPX Oxford)

## d. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity was established by a Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 20 December 2018 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by the proper law of England and Wales. The trustees of the charity who are also the members have no liability for the charity's debts. Apart from the first trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a minimum of three years by resolution. The number of trustees shall be a minimum of three and not more than twelve at any one time. Future trustees shall be appointed by majority resolution by the existing trustees and upon satisfactory completion of appropriate DBS checks. All trustees receive a formal induction and ongoing training is undertaken as appropriate. All trustees are aware of their legal duties and obligations in respect of the management of the charity.

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
- 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
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

No Trustee received any remuneration during the period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

"I can really relax here, it's my bit of calm."

Student, Oxfordshire School

## **Internal Controls**

Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

## **Risk Management & Corporate Governance**

A risk assessment has been undertaken which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the Charity may face
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the Charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. No major risks were identified at the date of these accounts. The Trustees have signed fit and proper declarations in line with HMRC guidance. In addition, the Trustees have taken due consideration of Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, ensuring that the seven main principles of the Code are adhered to. These are:

- Organisational purpose
- Leadership
- Integrity
- Decision-making, risk and control
- Board effectiveness
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Openness and accessibility

The Trustees recognise that good governance plays an essential part in securing the future of the Charity and confirm that the said principles of the Code are followed by them in leading, directing and managing the Charity.

## **Statement of Public Benefit**

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the charity supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public, that arise from those activities.

## **Management**

During the period the Charity was led by two Co-CEOs; Founder Juli Beattie, working alongside Maggie Scott. Maggie left the Charity in December 2025 and Juli continues to lead alongside a strong senior leadership team and the Trustees.



"Good artists have more failed drawings than bad artists because they keep trying."  
Pupil, Oxford Primary School

"Since coming to AT The Bus I've stopped having nightmares."  
Pupil, Oxford Secondary School

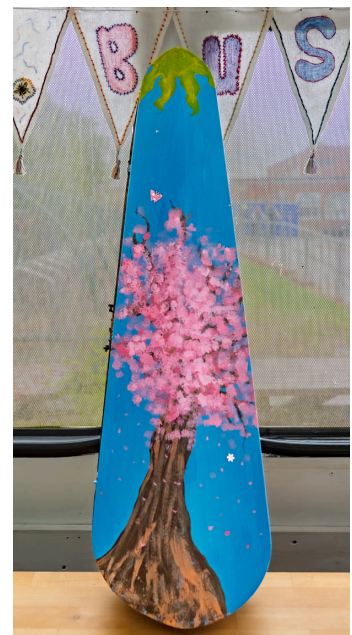
"AT The Bus is calm, amazing and helps me to learn."  
Pupil, London Primary School

"AT The Bus calms me down."  
Pupil, London Primary School

The Beattie Method in action, The Oxford Academy



Palettes inspired by Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'



Cherry blossom painted on a recycled violin case

## e. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

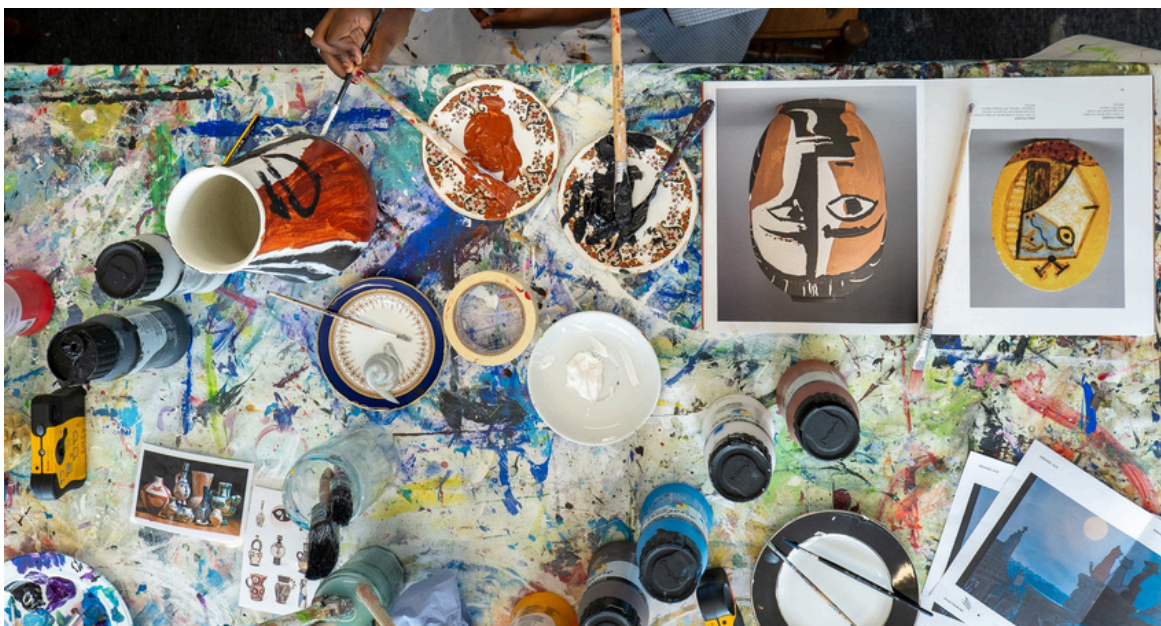
Our vision is to support the education and wellbeing of every child and young person so that they can engage in school and access the opportunities they deserve. We do this by:

- Delivering The Beattie Method, an innovative and creative early intervention service, on school sites, to small groups of children and young people, when they need it most.
- Teaching and collaborating closely with schools, teachers, and families to encourage therapeutic creativity in schools and other settings, to engage and benefit whole communities.
- Listening to young people so they have a voice in everything we do, from practice to strategy and development.

AT The Bus offers school-based, cost-effective, early intervention, which integrates with school pastoral and SEND provision and prevents children's needs from escalating through provision of wellbeing support to children and young people in need. This is achieved by:

- Delivering The Beattie Method, a relationship-based group intervention using art as therapy, to support education and wellbeing.
- Providing a mobile service to reach as many children as possible.
- Working on school sites to enable all children to access support.
- Providing effective early intervention, at times when children and young people most need help.
- Providing training for staff who work with children and young people to improve skill levels and increase support in schools and other settings.

AT The Bus uses The Beattie Method, an innovative relationship-based group intervention developed by our founder Dr Juli Beattie OBE that uses creativity to build self-esteem, confidence and social skills, supporting students to re-engage in learning. Small groups of seven students in single year-groups attend weekly 1-2 hour sessions on the school site, away from their mainstream classroom. Children are referred by school and attend for at least one school term. Each session involves talking, sharing books, eating together and individual and group art-making. We also provide workshops and training for families, teachers and external partners to learn our approach and improve their vocational skills, extending our impact beyond our studios.



There is immense need for AT The Bus:

- 1 in 5 young people have a diagnosable mental health disorder (NHS 2024), up from 12% in 2017.
- Nationally, 19% of children have an identified Special Educational Need - numbers with Education and Care Plans have increased by 83% since 2018 (DFE 2024).
- Rates of school absence doubled between 2019 and 2023 (DFE 2024).
- 20% of pupils miss over 10% of school, rising to one third of pupils with Special Educational Needs and 40% for pupils with Education and Health Care Plans in secondary schools.
- There is little creativity in state education; enrollment in arts subjects has fallen by 47% since 2010 and the number of art teachers is down by 23% (Campaign for the Arts 2023).
- Nearly 50% of schools in disadvantaged areas cannot offer arts subjects due to teacher shortages (Arts & Minds Campaign 2025).

This backdrop provides the context for the rapid and significant growth that the charity has achieved over the past six years.

## Growth

AT The Bus was established in 2018 in Oxford around a kitchen table by a group of like-minded individuals in recognition of the high level of need for school-based therapeutic support for children and young people. Initially working with 30 children in a single secondary school in Oxford, we have grown each year and since 2018 almost 3,000 children and young people have benefitted from our programmes.

Our unique way of working, The Beattie Method, was previously used by The Art Room charity (2002-18).

Our Key Performance Indicator is the number of programmes delivered. One programme consists of a school term (10-14 weeks) of weekly sessions for up to seven children. Groups are tailored to children's needs; some groups are smaller and around 30% of children attend for repeated terms.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
No of schools	3	5	6	9	15
No of programmes	35	61	108	126	167
No of beneficiaries	171	298	529	780	930

## School Partners in 2024/25

In 2024/5 AT The Bus provided 167 programmes (a school term of weekly sessions) to 930 children and young people in 15 primary, secondary and special schools in Oxfordshire and London:

### Oxfordshire

The Oxford Academy School (secondary)  
The Cherwell School (secondary)  
Greyfriars Catholic School (secondary)  
Lord Williams's School (secondary)  
New Marston Primary School  
SS Phillip and James Primary School  
Sandhills Primary School  
The Swan School (secondary)

### London

The St Marylebone CE Bridge School (secondary specialist)  
Barlby Primary School  
Cubitt Town Primary School  
Queen's Park Primary School  
Ark Brunel Primary School\*  
Ark King Solomon Primary School\*  
Bevington Primary School\*

\*AT The Bus service commissioned by AllChild ([www.allchild.org](http://www.allchild.org))



In 2024/25 new services were established in areas of exceptionally high need. In London new provision was established at Cubitt Town Primary School in Tower Hamlets, and at Queen's Park Primary School in Westminster. In Oxford we developed new partnerships with The Oxford Academy in Blackbird Leys and established a new alternative provision at the Cherwell School for students attending 'Access Cherwell' a hybrid educational programme that works alongside mainstream schooling for students requiring additional pastoral or academic interventions, including those for Emotional-Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

## Student demographics

We prioritise work in areas of high deprivation where communities are impacted by multiple layers of systemic disadvantage, including poverty and racism. In the academic year 2024-5, of the students referred to at the Bus:

Primary schools:

- 29% were identified as having Special Educational Needs (SEN/SENH)
- 9% had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- 16% diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- 14% diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Secondary Schools:

- 50% were identified as having Special Educational Needs (SEN/SENH)
- 14% had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- 23% diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- 9% diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

## Outcomes

We measure impact over time with pre and post referral questionnaires using teacher-assessed Strengths and Difficulty Questionnaires (SDQs) in primary schools and student-completed Warwick Edinburgh Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS) in secondary schools. We also compile pupil reports for schools, seek feedback and track impact through surveys, case studies and interviews. In the spring of 2025 we came to the end of a two-year independent University of Oxford evaluation and are pleased to report:

### In Primary Schools:

- 84% of teachers stated that AT The Bus was beneficial for their pupils.
- 75% identified improvements in confidence and 69% in pupils' learning.
- A reduction in absences – pupils had on average, one day fewer absent in the term after taking part in AT The Bus than before.

### In Secondary Schools:

There was a statistically significant improvement in wellbeing measures.

- 84% of teachers agreed the intervention was beneficial.
- 96% of students said they enjoyed the intervention.
- 93% of students said they felt safe and respected.
- 92% of students would recommend AT The Bus to their peers.

In addition, a partner evaluation (AllChild 2025) demonstrated 95% improvement on Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQs), with 71% of children moving from their 'at risk' category after a ten-week programme

### Other developments

We continued to focus on embedding strong foundations for future growth. This included investment in central digital processes to streamline our work and improve productivity, strengthen finance and governance processes, and the establishment of a new learning and development programme which has supported organisational development. We were proud to see fundraising growth of 28% including developing relationships with many new funders and those supporting our work through multi year and unrestricted funding. Our earned income rose by 70% from the establishment of new school partnerships and the implementation of a new funding model.

We grew our staff team through providing Beattie Method training for nineteen new facilitators (including five volunteers). This supported growth in delivery to reach more children and young people in more schools. We also extended the capacity of the central team to support delivery, fundraising, communications and finance.

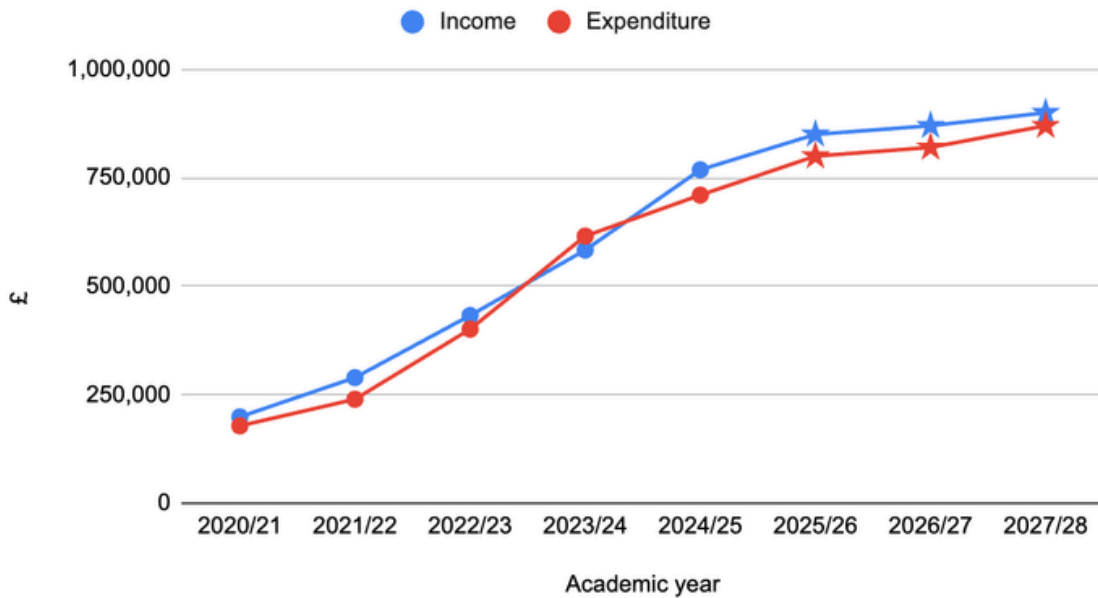
"Wow! This feels really relaxing...do you have magic paint here?"

Student, Oxfordshire School



The trustees have referred to the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 (“the Act”) and the Guidance on Charities and Fundraising issued by the Charity Commission (“CC20”) and confirm that they act in accordance.

Trustees are pleased to report that income has continued to grow for the period of 2024/25:



This reflects the ongoing demand for our services and the hard work of staff in both raising funds and developing a training model that has enabled delivery to continue to expand year on year.

Charitable activity in the twelve months from September 2024 to August 2025 totalled £709,706 and includes direct charitable expenditure of £471,762. This direct charitable expenditure includes the cost of establishing the materials and provisions needed, as well as staff costs for the Therapeutic team.

The accounting treatment in respect of charitable activities is in line with that set out in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

### Funding model

AT The Bus has three clear income streams to ensure a balanced funding model and to manage risk:

1. Grants and donations – received from Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and corporate supporters.
2. Earned income – all schools make a financial contribution for our services and we also receive commissioned income from AllChild.
3. Fundraising – includes individual donations, events and campaigns.

Whilst a significant proportion of income now comes from earned sources the charity continues to rely on the support of its charitable funders and partners.

## g. THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

We are immensely grateful to all funders for their commitment and support to the charity and would like to thank the following organisations for their generous donations from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025:

Bernard Sunley Foundation  
The Big Give Trust  
Cash for Kids  
Cecil Pilkington Trust  
The Childhood Trust  
The Clothworkers' Foundation  
Columbia Threadneedle Foundation  
The Cumber Family Charitable Trust  
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust  
Friends of Cherwell  
Gagosian Gallery  
Green Square Accord  
Headley Trust  
Heart of Bucks Community Foundation  
Helen Roll Charity  
The Jacqueline and Michael Gee Charitable Trust  
JE Posnansky Charitable Trust  
King Charles III Charitable Fund  
Kop Hill Charity Fund  
The Maggie Black Trust  
Max Kohler Foundation

Mila Charitable Organisation  
Mishcon Family Charitable Trust  
Oxford City Council  
Oxfordshire Community Foundation - Step  
Change Fund  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Paddington Charities  
The Pixel Fund  
Project Spark  
Pye Trust  
Rayne Foundation  
The Robert McAlpine Foundation  
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust  
South Oxfordshire District Council  
Sudborough Foundation  
The Charity of Thomas Dawson  
The Truck Festival Trust  
Van Houten Bequest  
Wesleyan Foundation  
Westminster Foundation  
Young Art Oxford

Funds with specific restrictions placed upon their use (1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025) are detailed on page 28 and 29 of the financial statements following this report.



Donations, including some restricted donations, were also received from a number of individuals who requested to remain anonymous and are not included in this report; we thank everyone for their generosity and support of the charity.

We are also extremely grateful for the in-kind support of Arby Window Cleaning and Irene Stratton Embroidery, as well as to those who wish to remain anonymous, for donating their skills and time.

We are proud to work in partnership with the following organisations:

- AllChild
- Children & Young People’s Mental Health Coalition
- Oxford Bus Company
- Oxfordshire Youth in Mind
- The North Wall Arts Centre

We increased fundraising income by 28 percent in 2024/25, growing income across all lines. We were pleased to take part in two matched funding campaigns, The Big Give Christmas Challenge and Big Give Arts for Impact, which helped to grow public support. We were also delighted to have our first London Marathon runner and a team of supporters who ran the Blenheim Fun Run on our behalf.

We also received income for services. This increased by 70 per cent in 2024/25; supporting our ongoing sustainability in terms of partnerships and income. Earned income comes from partner schools and also for the service that we provide to All Child (formerly West London Zone), who commissioned and funded work at Ark Brunel Primary School; Ark King Solomon School and Bevington Primary School.

“Each year I am seeing the impact of AT The Bus grow more and more. We now have a whole generation of students going through the school who have gained from the team’s work. The feedback I get from parents, staff and most significantly the young people themselves tells me that this is invaluable. I really cannot imagine a time when AT The Bus wouldn’t be a huge part of our school.”

Chris Price, Headteacher The Cherwell School Oxford



Painted chairs inspired by Vincent Van Gogh, Greyfriar’s Catholic School Oxford

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees have no outstanding commitments or cash demands. The net current assets of the charity are regarded as free reserves and the funds at 31 August 2025 will be retained to fund charitable activities in accordance with the charity's charitable objects. The Trustees consider that the freely expendable funds are appropriate and adequate taking into accounts plans in the future and have at present therefore not designated any specific reserves.

The Reserves Policy is reviewed by trustees annually. The policy is designed to take account of:

- Our responsibility for the mental wellbeing of children and young people. AT The Bus provides therapeutic support to vulnerable children, providing weekly sessions to each child for at least one school term. We want to ensure that we avoid financial challenges to the charity meaning we are unable to complete therapeutic work with vulnerable children at short notice as this would be highly likely to have a detrimental effect on their wellbeing;
- Our responsibility to our staff and suppliers;
- The current funding picture for AT The Bus where the bulk of income is received from grants and donations, which are mostly outside of our direct control and where income streams are likely to be unreliable and uncertain;
- The broader landscape for charitable giving, which is currently very challenging given the national and international landscape of high inflation and poor economic conditions.

Taking these factors into account the charity regards it to be prudent to have available funds of between three and four months of full running costs as forecast at least four months ahead.

The balance of unrestricted, readily available reserves at 31 August 2025 was £210,262 (not including the value of fixed assets). This represents just over three months of unrestricted costs. Therefore the position was in line with the reserves policy.

The Board of Trustees consider that this target range provides sufficient flexibility in the context of operational requirements, and for an organisation of our size and complexity.



Painted ceramic plates, St Marylebone CE Bridge Specialist Secondary School

## Ongoing concern

Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts and the growth plans of the charity the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

### h. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed in section 2 of this report but will further develop and refine the strategies, policies and procedures in future.

The growth ambitions of our Business Plan remain firmly in place. Demand from headteachers has continued to rise and in 2025/6 we expect to reach in the region of 1100 young people from 17 schools. We have a waiting list of schools seeking provision and continue to focus on carefully managed growth in order to support more children and young people in the future.

We will continue to increase numbers of therapeutic staff and are working to extend our training programme to external partners, establishing a new training programme. We continue to review fundraising resources and processes with a view to continuing to extend our income streams and enable future growth. Relationships with school partners are positive, but school incomes are challenged by their own financial circumstances and is an area of potential risk.

Further information on future plans are available on our website [atthebus.org.uk](http://atthebus.org.uk) and via our team who are contactable on [info@atthebus.org.uk](mailto:info@atthebus.org.uk).

Approved by the Trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Deryn Harvey (Trustee)

.....28th April 2026.....

Date



## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES**

#### **OF AT THE BUS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of At The Bus (“the charity”) for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 19 to 30.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity’s trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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. The charity’s gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair view’ which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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



Simrit Sandhu FCCA

SPX Oxford Ltd  
Peace House etc

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Notes</b>						
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2	301,424	278,394	579,818	92,925	301,035	393,960
Charitable activities	3	206,195	-	206,195	188,341	-	188,341
Investments		2,913	-	2,913	1,038	-	1,038
<b>Total income</b>		<u>510,532</u>	<u>278,394</u>	<u>788,926</u>	<u>282,304</u>	<u>301,035</u>	<u>583,339</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	5	34,271	208	34,479	15,137	34,412	49,549
Charitable activities	6	405,890	277,094	682,984	261,036	304,986	566,022
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>440,161</u>	<u>277,302</u>	<u>717,463</u>	<u>276,173</u>	<u>339,398</u>	<u>615,571</u>
<b>Net income / -expenditure</b>		70,371	1,092	71,463	6,131	- 38,363	- 32,232
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		- 16,293	16,293	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>54,078</u>	<u>17,385</u>	<u>71,463</u>	<u>6,131</u>	<u>- 38,363</u>	<u>- 32,232</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forwards		180,815	2,984	183,799	174,684	41,347	216,031
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>234,893</u></u>	<u><u>20,369</u></u>	<u><u>255,262</u></u>	<u><u>180,815</u></u>	<u><u>2,984</u></u>	<u><u>183,799</u></u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2024 and year ended 31 August 2025 other than those included in the Income and Expenditure Account.

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	10		24,631		24,340
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	18,000		9,238	
Cash at bank		234,107		182,427	
		252,107		191,665	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	21,476		32,206	
			230,631		159,459
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			230,631		159,459
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			255,262		183,799
<b>FUNDS</b>					
<b>INCOME FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Income funds	13		228,850		180,815
Designated income funds	13		6,255		-
Restricted Income funds	14		20,157		2,984
<b>TOTAL INCOME FUNDS</b>			255,262		183,799

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



Trustee: Deryn Harvey

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Cash used in operating activities	17	52,974	- 2,776
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends and interest from investments		2,913	1,038
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets			
Purchase of fixed assets		- 4,207	- 768
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		-1,294	270
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		51,680	- 2,506
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		182,427	184,933
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		234,107	182,427

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (“Charities SORP FRS 102”), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and where applicable, the Charities Act 2022 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

##### **Incoming resources**

Voluntary donations include donations under Gift Aid with the associated tax relief included when receivable. Interest from deposit accounts are included when receivable. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (“SOFA”) when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **Resources expended**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to the expenditure.

Charitable activities comprise of staff and associated costs of providing Art Therapy to Children in pursuit of the charitable objectives.

Governance costs relate to the general running of the charity, as opposed to the management functions inherent in generating funds.

##### **Status of funds**

The charity holds both restricted and unrestricted funds. Unrestricted are those for which trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of its objectives and the day-to-day operation of the charity.

Restricted funds are those which have been donated to the charity for a specific cause or purpose, whereby the donor has imposed a restriction their future use.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

#### **Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

#### **Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the CIO, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets and fixtures and fittings on the Bus are included at their cost value and depreciated using the straight-line method over 5 years.

The Bus and integral improvements are included at their cost value had depreciated using the straight-line method of 20 years.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is not subject to any taxes on its charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

#### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The current uncertainty in the global economy, including cost inflating factors, have increased financial pressure on charities. The Trustees have however considered the contingency plans in place, the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements. The Trustees are satisfied the forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern. The Trustees therefore consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Individual donations	193,787	24,632	218,419	38,355	-	38,355
Grants and Corporate donations	102,500	253,762	356,262	54,514	301,035	355,549
Gift Aid	5,137	-	5,137	56	-	56
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>301,424</b>	<b>278,394</b>	<b>579,818</b>	<b>92,925</b>	<b>301,035</b>	<b>393,960</b>

#### 3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Events income	4,559	-	4,559	73,311	-	73,311
School Contributions	201,636	-	201,636	115,030	-	115,030
External training	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Charitable activities</b>	<b>206,195</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206,195</b>	<b>188,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,341</b>

#### 5. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consultancy	-	200	200	10,005	3,471	13,476
Fundraising expenses	6,240	8	6,248	4,487	29,944	34,431
Salaries, NI and Pension costs	27,815	-	27,815	-	-	-
Bank charges on receiving donations	216	-	216	645	997	1,642
	<b>34,271</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>34,479</b>	<b>15,137</b>	<b>34,412</b>	<b>49,549</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**6. Expenditure on Charitable activities**

<b>Service delivery</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries, NI and Pension - Art as Therapy	144,439	174,161	318,600	82,211	124,515	206,726
Contract staff - Art as Therapy	81,741	2,750	84,491	16,338	37,187	
Art materials & studio provision	39,142	5,735	44,877	12,246	36,756	49,002
Training - Art as Therapy	12,404	-	12,404	3,645	7,107	10,752
Beattie Method - development and tracking	2,714	3,038	5,752	4,930	4,499	9,429
Safeguarding & clinical supervision	4,373	-	4,373	2,536	-	2,536
<b>Total on service delivery activities</b>	<b>284,813</b>	<b>185,684</b>	<b>470,497</b>	<b>121,906</b>	<b>210,064</b>	<b>278,444</b>
<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries, NI and Pension - Business management	67,374	73,138	140,512	109,762	55,106	164,868
Contract staff - Business management	12,272	2,520	14,792	19,094	12,426	31,520
Office and IT expenses	6,451	13,747	20,198	5,784	13,472	19,256
HR and other consultancy costs	6,182	-	6,182	7,490	20,595	28,085
PR advertising & marketing	2,339	242	2,581	505	2,472	2,977
Travel and subsistence	3,444	-	3,444	322	4,824	5,146
<b>Total support activities</b>	<b>98,062</b>	<b>89,647</b>	<b>187,709</b>	<b>142,958</b>	<b>108,895</b>	<b>251,853</b>
<b>Governance</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Fund 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance	2,541	1,231	3,772	-	1,763	1,763
Payroll and accountancy fees	16,558	532	17,090	-	8,668	8,668
Depreciation	3,916	-	3,916	3,181	-	3,181
<b>Total governance activities</b>	<b>23,015</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>24,778</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>13,612</b>
<b>Total charitable activities</b>	<b>405,890</b>	<b>277,094</b>	<b>682,984</b>	<b>261,036</b>	<b>304,986</b>	<b>566,022</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 8. Net outgoing/incoming resources for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	-	-
Depreciation	3,816	3,181
	3,816	3,181

#### 9. Staff costs and emoluments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Earnings	444,517	342,487
Employers National Insurance	34,076	23,096
Employers pension contribution	8,335	6,010
	486,928	371,593

The average number of employees during the period was 19 (2024: 19). Many employees work part-time; this figure is equivalent to 12 full time employees.

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the period. (2024: nil).

The Trustees consider themselves key management personnel and received no remuneration during the period. (2024: nil).

#### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Bus - Fixtures and Fittings	Bus - Motor Vehicles	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2024	9,543	26,359	6,431	42,333
Additions	-	-	4,207	4,207
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	9,543	26,359	10,638	46,540
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2024	- 7,913	- 5,279	- 4,801	- 17,993
Charge for the year	- 1,272	- 879	- 1,765	- 3,916
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	- 9,185	- 6,158	- 6,566	- 21,909
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2025	358	20,201	4,072	24,631
At 1 September 2024	1,630	21,080	1,630	24,340

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts Receivable	10,000	5,500
Gif Aid Reclaim	3,000	-
Other debtors	5,000	-
Prepayments	- 0	3,738
	18,000	9,238
	18,000	9,238

#### 12. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts Payable	6,977	5,015
Accruals	2,175	3,819
Directors' Loan Account	-	778
PAYE & NIC Payable	10,527	19,467
Pensions Payable	1,797	3,126
	21,476	32,206
	21,476	32,206

#### 13. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	180,815	504,277	- 440,154	- 16,293	228,645
Designated funds	-	6,255	- 7		6,248
	180,815	510,532	- 440,161	- 16,293	234,893
	180,815	510,532	- 440,161	- 16,293	234,893

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 14. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	Capital expenditure from restricted funds	Transfers	Balance as at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core Costs & Business Plan Delivery		72,767	- 86,260		13,493	-
Digital Infrastructure Project		24,580	- 20,587		-	3,993
Evaluation Programme (R)	234	-	- 3,034		2,800	-
Learning and Development Programme		55,876	- 50,000		-	5,876
Provision at Barlby, Lo		6,500	- 6,500		-	-
Provision at Cherwell School, Ox		26,250	- 26,250		-	-
Provision at Greyfriars, Ox	2,750	18,489	- 15,739		-	5,500
Provision at Lord Williams, Thame		7,800	- 7,800		-	-
Provision at New Marston Primary, Ox		3,500	- 3,500		-	-
Provision at St Marylebone CE Bridge School, Lo		9,000	- 9,000		-	-
Provision for Queens Park (Lo)		5,000	- 5,000		-	-
Provision in London		24,632	- 19,632		-	5,000
Provision in Oxfordshire		24,000	- 24,000		-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>2,984</u>	<u>278,394</u>	<u>- 277,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,293</u>	<u>20,369</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 14. Restricted funds income continued

Restricted fund	Those who gave FY 24/25
Core Costs & Business Plan Delivery	Columbia Threadneedle Foundation Max Kohler Foundation The Rayne Foundation
Digital Development Project	Oxfordshire Community Foundation - Step Change The Clothworkers' Foundation
Learning and Development Programme	Good Works Company Wesleyan Foundation
Provision at Barlby School, London	King Charles III Charitable Fund Project Spark
Provision at Cherwell School, Oxford	Friends of Cherwell Oxfordshire County Council AP - Statutory grant The Robert McAlpine Foundation Oxford City Council - Statutory grant
Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	The Charity of Thomas Dawson Cash for Kids - Bauer Radio The Pixel Fund
Provision at Lord Williams, Thame	Oxfordshire County Council AP - Statutory grant Kop Hill Charity Fund South Oxfordshire District Council
Provision at New Marston Primary, Oxford	Oxford City Council - Oxford Community Impact Fund Green Square Accord Oxford City Council - Councillor priority grant The Cumber Family Charitable Trust
Provision at St Marylebone CE Bridge School, Lo	Paddington Charities Westminster Foundation
Provision for Queens Park, Lo	Westminster Foundation
Provision in London	The Big Give
Provision in Oxfordshire	Helen Roll Charity Van Houten Bequest D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust The Maggie Black Trust Pye Trust

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**15. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	31 August 2025	31 August 2025	31 August 2025
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	24,631	-	24,631
Current Assets	231,738	20,369	252,107
Current Liabilities	- 21,476	-	- 21,476
	234,893	20,369	255,262
	234,893	20,369	255,262

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	71,463	- 32,232
Add back depreciation charge	3,916	3,181
Investment income	- 2,913	- 1,038
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Decrease (increase) in stock	-	-
Decrease (increase) in debtors	- 8,762	8,800
Increase (decrease) in creditors	- 10,730	18,513
	52,974	- 2,776
	52,974	- 2,776

**AT THE BUS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181294

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# Accounts

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**AT THE BUS**  
**(Registered Charity No. 1181294)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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**AT THE BUS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of At The Bus (“the charity” or “the CIO”), for the year to 31 August 2024. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 14 - 15 and comply with applicable charity law. The comparative figures run for the eight month period from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity’s Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and 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 – SORP (FRS).

## 1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The charity, registered charity number 1181294, is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The principal office is: AT The Bus, c/o New Marston Primary School, Copse Lane, Oxford OX3 0AY

### **Trustees:**

The names of the first trustees who served throughout the period and continue to serve at the date of the report’s approval are:

- Deryn Harvey
- Anthony Mannix
- Bernadette Lowe
- Susanna Lawson
- Nelly-Sabine Munthe
- Graeme Jones

The Trustees did not hold any beneficial interest in the charity’s fund at 31 August 2024 or at any time during or since that period.

### **Bankers:**

Santander Business, Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.  
The Co-operative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE  
The Charity Bank Limited, Fosse House, 182 High Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BE

### **Solicitors:**

Ropes and Gray LLP, 60 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7AW

### **Accountants:**

Rawlinson & Hunter LLP, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3AQ

### **Independent Examiner:**

Christopher Hawley FCA, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London EC4A 3AQ

### **Website:**

<https://www.atthebus.org.uk/>

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity was established by a constitution dated 12 November 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 20 December 2018 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by the proper law of England and Wales. The trustees of the charity who are also the members have no liability for the charity's debts.

Apart from the first trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a minimum of three years by resolution. The first trustees have been appointed for set terms, and are eligible for a re-appointment at the end of that term.

The number of trustees shall be a minimum of three and not more than twelve at any one time. Future trustees shall be appointed by majority resolution by the existing trustees. Charity trustees may only be appointed upon satisfactory completion of appropriate DBS checks (where appropriate).

**Induction and Training**

Should new trustees be appointed, a formal induction process will be conducted by the trustees. Other trustee training is undertaken as and when appropriate. All trustees are aware of their legal duties and obligations in respect of the management of the charity, including in relation to the protection of its assets.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

No Trustee received any remuneration during the year to 31 August 2024.

**Internal Controls**

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

**Risk Management & Corporate Governance**

A risk assessment has been undertaken which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the Charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the Charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. No major risks were identified at the date of these accounts.

The Trustees have signed fit and proper declarations in line with HMRC guidance.

In addition, the Trustees have taken due consideration of Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, ensuring that the seven main principles of the Code are adhered to. These are:

- Organisational purpose;
- Leadership;
- Integrity;
- Decision-making, risk and control
- Board effectiveness;
- Equality, diversity and inclusion; and
- Openness and accessibility.

The Trustees recognise that good governance plays an essential part in securing the future of the Charity and confirm that the said principles of the Code are followed by them in leading, directing and managing the Charity.

**AT THE BUS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

**Statement of Public Benefit**

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the charity supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public, that arise from those activities.

**Objectives**

The Objectives of the CIO are:

1. The advancement of education and preservation and protection of health and mental wellbeing of children and young people experiencing emotional, behavioural and other challenges and complex needs by providing art-as-therapy programmes that, amongst other things, promote engagement with learning and inclusion in schools and communities, for the public benefit.
2. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing training and support for those who work with children and young people experiencing challenges in their lives.

**Need for AT The Bus**

There is a well-documented crisis in children's wellbeing, exacerbated over recent years by the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

One in five children and young people have poor mental health and many struggle to engage in school (NHS Digital 2023). The services which could provide support are overwhelmed, with long waits and high thresholds for access to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). There is little other school based provision.

AT The Bus offers school-based, cost-effective, early intervention, which integrates with school pastoral and SEND provision and prevents children's needs from escalating through provision of wellbeing support to children and young people in need. This is achieved by:

- Delivering The Beattie Method, a relationship-based group intervention using art as therapy, to support education and wellbeing;
- Providing a mobile service to reach as many children as possible;
- Working on school sites to enable all children to access support;
- Providing effective early intervention, at times when children and young people most need help; and
- Providing training for staff who work with children and young people to improve skill levels and increase support in schools and other settings.

AT The Bus uses The Beattie Method, an innovative relationship-based group intervention developed by founder Dr Juli Beattie OBE. This supports children to explore creativity through art, to build self-esteem, confidence, resilience and independence. Small groups of seven students in single year-groups attend weekly 1h 45 minute long sessions on the school site, away from their mainstream classroom. Children are referred by school and attend for at least one school term. Each session involves talking, sharing books, eating together and individual and group art-making.

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**4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable Activities**

**Growth**

Founded in 2018, AT The Bus is a growing charity. Initially working with 30 children in a single school during the pandemic. In the calendar year 2023/4 we provided 126 programmes (a school term of weekly sessions) to 782 children and young people in ten primary, secondary and special schools in Oxfordshire and London.

The demand for provision of services from headteachers has continued to rise and in 2024/5 we expect to reach over 1,000 young people from 15 schools. We have a waiting list of schools seeking provision and continue to focus on growth in order to support more children and young people in the future.

We are grateful to have worked with committed headteachers, teachers and other staff at the following schools in 2023/4:

**OXFORD**

The Cherwell School (secondary)  
 Greyfriars Catholic School (secondary)  
 Lord Williams School (secondary)  
 New Marston Primary School  
 St Frideswides' Primary School  
 SS Phillip and James Primary School  
 Sandhills Primary School

**LONDON**

St Marylebone CE Bridge School (special)  
 Barlby Primary School  
 Brackenbury Primary School

We continued our partnership with AllChild (previously known as West London Zone), who commissioned AT The Bus to work in their partner schools in West London. We also continued to deliver a number of workshops for family groups bringing together a parent/carer to work alongside their child, helping to strengthen relationships and build confidence and skills. The University of Oxford continued to undertake an independent evaluation of AT The Bus.

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**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The trustees have referred to the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 (“the Act”) and the Guidance on Charities and Fundraising issued by the Charity Commission (“CC20”) and confirm that they act in accordance.

Charitable activity in the year totalled £566,022 (eight months in 2023: £279,933) and includes direct charitable expenditure of £304,183 (eight months in 2023: £171,542). This direct charitable expenditure includes the cost of establishing the materials and provisions needed, as well as staff costs for the therapeutic team.

The accounting treatment in respect of charitable activities is in line with that set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

In the previous year the Trustees exercised their powers and amended the financial period end to 31 August 2023 so that it aligned with the Academic year.

**Funding model**

At The Bus has three clear income streams to ensure a balanced funding model and to manage risk:

1. Grants and donations – received from Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and corporate supporters.
2. Earned income – all schools make a financial contribution for our services and we also receive commissioned income from All Child.
3. Fundraising – includes individual donations, events and campaigns. This included a major fundraising auction at Sotheby’s in April 2024.

Whilst a significant proportion of income now comes from earned sources the charity continues to rely on the support of its charitable funders and partners. We are immensely grateful to all funders for their commitment and support to the charity. We would like to thank the following organisations for their generous donations and support, which helped us to deliver our services during period of this report (1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024):

The Big Give Trust, The Childhood Trust, The Clore Duffield Foundation, Columbia Threadneedle Foundation, Doris Field Charitable Trust, D’Oyly Carte Foundation, Edward Harvist Charitable Trust, Evenlode Foundation, The Foyle Foundation, The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation, Max Kohler Stiftung, The Robert McAlpine Foundation, Mishcon Family Charitable Trust, The Moser Family, #WellTogetherOxon (Oxford Community Voluntary Action, Community First Oxfordshire & the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board) Outset Contemporary Art Fund, Oxford City Council, Oxford Community Foundation, Oxfordshire County Council, Cecil Pilkington Charitable Trust, Paddington Welfare Charities, JE Posnansky Charitable Trust, Project Spark, Prudence Trust, The Pye Trust, The Rayne Foundation, Helen Roll Foundation, Shanly Foundation, The Rank Foundation, Stanton Ballard Charitable Trust, St James's Place Charitable Foundation, Turners Court Youth Trust, Truck, Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation.

Donations were also received from a number of individuals who requested to remain anonymous; we thank everyone for their generosity and support of the charity.

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Funds with restrictions placed upon their use were obtained or carried over from the last financial year, as follows:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Restriction</b>	<b>Donation £</b>
Art Therapy	D'Oyly Carte Foundation	3,000.00
Provision in London	Funds gained through Big Give Christmas Challenge 2023 with champion support from the Childhood Trust (£4,455)	27,060.25
Provision in Oxfordshire	Stanton Ballard Charitable Trust Doris Field Charitable Trust	2,000.00
Provision of Family Groups at Barlby Primary School and New Marston Primary School	The Clore Duffield Foundation The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation	13,000.00
Learning and Development Programme	Anonymous donation for salary	39,000.00
Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	Oxford City Council Community Impact Fund Round 2 Small/Medium Grant 2023/24 Outset Contemporary Art Fund St James's Place Charitable Foundation Shanly Foundation Oxford City Council Community Impact Fund Round 2 Small/Medium Grant 2024/25 OCVA & CFO #WellTogetherOxon	22,725.00
Provision at Cherwell School Oxford	Project Spark The Robert McAlpine Foundation Oxfordshire County Council Councillor Priority Fund	26,000.00
Core Costs and Business Development	The Foyle Foundation Prudence Trust Columbia Threadneedle Foundation Rayne Foundation Esmee Fairbairn 'Trustees area of specialist knowledge' grant (TASK grant)	157,500.00
Provision at New Marston Primary School, Oxford	Oxfordshire County Council Councillor Priority Fund Oxford City Council Community Impact Fund Round 1 Small/Medium Grant 2024/25	2,700.00
Provision at Lord Williams's Upper School, Thame	Turners Court Youth Trust The Pye Trust	4,000.00
Provision at St Marylebone CE Bridge School, London	Paddington Charities & Edward Harvist Charitable Trust	3,200.00
Provision at Sandhills Primary School, Oxford	Oxford City Council, Community Insight Profile Grant	4,000.00
Provision at St Frideswide Primary School, Oxford	Oxford City Council Community Impact Fund Round 3 Small/Medium Grant 2023/24	350.00
Digital Development Project	Oxfordshire Community Foundation's Step Change Fund	11,500.00

We also received income for services commissioned by our partner schools. All Child (formerly West London Zone) commissioned and funded work at Brackenbury Primary School.

We are also grateful for the generous pro-bono support received from:

- All the generous artists who donated work for a fundraising auction in April 2024:  
 Angela Palmer; Anthony Turner; Bob and Roberta Smith; Chila Kumari Burman; Emma Alcock; Emmie Van Biervliet; Grayson Perry; Jelly Green; Jennie Foley; Jenny Saville; Joanna Vestey; Kieran Stiles; Lisa Swerling; Lisa Wright; Maggi Hambling; Martin Parr; Oliver Barratt; Patrice Moor; Patrick Hughes; Paul Vanstone; Penelope Madden; Peter Randall-Page; Phillipa Perry; Polly Morgan; Rob and Nick Carter; Rosannagh Scarlet Esson; Rose Palmer; Simon Hitchens; Thomas Heatherwick; Tobias Munthe; Tom Astley; Tony Thomson; Veronica Ryan; Yunus & Eliza

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- All the volunteers who have supported our work with children, events and administration.
- Arby Window Cleaning
- Beverley Silverstone
- Charles Arbuthnot
- David Thomas of Bordeaux Index
- Fine Art Restoration Company
- Franks and Franks
- Hiscox Insurance
- New Marston Primary school
- Oh La La Macarons
- Oxford Bus Company
- Oxford Food Bank
- Rawlinson and Hunter
- Sotheby's Auction House
- Studio Ferg
- Ropes and Gray LLP
- Ward Moretti

### **Reserves Policy**

The balance of reserves at 31 August 2024 was £156,475 (2023: £147,931). This represents the total unrestricted assets, less fixed assets of the charity, and will be used to support direct charitable operational costs during 2024/25.

The Trustees have no outstanding commitments or cash demands. The net current assets of the charity are regarded as free reserves and the funds at 31 August 2024 will be retained to fund charitable activities in accordance with the charity's charitable objects. The Trustees consider that the freely expendable funds are appropriate and adequate taking into accounts plans in the future and have at present therefore not designated any specific reserves.

The Reserves Policy was revised in December 2024, this was designed to take account of

- Responsibility for the mental wellbeing of children and young people. AT The Bus provides therapeutic support to vulnerable children, providing weekly sessions to each child for at least one school term. We want to ensure that we avoid financial challenges to the charity meaning we are unable to complete therapeutic work with vulnerable children at short notice as this would be highly likely to have a detrimental effect on their wellbeing;
- Responsibility to our staff and suppliers;
- The current funding picture for AT The Bus where the bulk of income is received from grants and donations, which are mostly outside of our direct control and where income streams are likely to be unreliable and uncertain.
- The broader landscape for charitable giving, which is currently very challenging given the national and international landscape of high inflation and poor economic conditions.

Taking these factors into account the charity regards it to be prudent to have available funds of between 3 and 4 months of full running costs as forecast at least 4 months ahead.

Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts and the growth plans of the charity the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

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**6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed in section 3 of this report but will further develop and refine the strategies, policies and procedures in future.

The growth ambitions of the 2022 Business Plan remain firmly in place. The academic year 2023/24 and into 2024/25 has continued to see growth of the charity, with a particular focus on increasing numbers of therapeutic staff and establishing a new training programme. This has enabled us to continue to expand into new settings, supporting more children and young people, and extend The Beattie Method beyond employees to staff working in schools and other settings.

We continue to review fundraising resources and processes with a view to continuing to extend our income streams and enable future growth. Relationships with school partners are positive, but school incomes are challenged by their own financial circumstances and is an area of potential risk.

Further information on future plans are available by request via [www.atthebus.org.uk](http://www.atthebus.org.uk)

**Approved by the Trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by:**



**18 June 2025**

.....  
**Deryn Harvey (Trustee)**

.....  
**Date**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF AT THE BUS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of At The Bus ("the charity") for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 21.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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



**19 June 2026**

Christopher John Hawley FCA  
Chartered Accountant and Independent Examiner  
Eighth Floor  
6 New Street Square  
New Fetter Lane  
London  
EC4A 3AQ

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(including Income & Expenditure Account)**

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations (note 2)	16	92,925	301,035	393,960	231,767
Fundraising (note 3)	16	73,311	-	73,311	7,550
Charitable activities (note 4)	16	115,030	-	115,030	43,020
Investments		1,038	-	1,038	462
<b>Total income</b>		<b>282,304</b>	<b>301,035</b>	<b>583,339</b>	<b>282,799</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities (note 5)	17	261,036	304,986	566,022	279,933
Raising funds (note 7)	18	15,137	34,412	49,549	8,964
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>276,173</b>	<b>339,398</b>	<b>615,571</b>	<b>288,897</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	13	6,131	(38,363)	(32,232)	(6,098)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 September 2023		174,684	41,347	216,031	222,129
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2024</b>	12	<b>£180,815</b>	<b>£2,984</b>	<b>£183,799</b>	<b>£ 216,031</b>

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2024 is included as note 13 to the Financial Statements.

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2024 and year ended 31 August 2024 other than those included in the Income and Expenditure Account.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Page	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible Assets (note 8)	19	24,340	26,753
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors (note 9)	20	9,238	18,039
Cash at bank (note 10)	20	182,427	184,933
		191,665	202,972
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year (note 11)	20	32,206	13,694
<b>Net current assets</b>		159,459	189,278
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		£ 183,799	£ 216,031
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted funds		2,984	41,347
Unrestricted funds		180,815	174,684
	11	£ 183,799	£ 216,031

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



.....  
Deryn Harve (Trustee)

**18 June 2025**

.....  
Date

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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	<b>Page</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net cash flow from Operating Activities</b>			
Net movement on funds for the year	11	(32,232)	(6,098)
Less: Investment income and deposit interest	11	(1,038)	(462)
Add: Depreciation	19	3,181	2,960
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	20	8,800	(126)
Increase in creditors	20	18,513	3,578
<b>Net cash used in Operating Activities</b>		<u>(2,776)</u>	<u>(148)</u>
 <b>Cash flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Deposit interest	11	1,038	462
Purchase of fixed assets		<u>(768)</u>	<u>(877)</u>
<b>Net cash generated by/(used in) Investing Activities</b>		270	(415)
 <b>Net decrease in cash in the period</b>		<u><u>(2,506)</u></u>	<u><u>(563)</u></u>
 <b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</b>			
Net cash resources at 1 September		184,933	185,496
Net decrease in cash		(2,506)	(563)
<b>Net cash resources at 31 August</b>		<u>£ 182,427</u>	<u>£ 184,933</u>
 <b>Analysis of net funds:</b>			
Cash at Bank (note 10)	20	<u>£ 182,427</u>	<u>£ 184,933</u>

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) ("Charities SORP FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and where applicable, the Charities Act 2022 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

**Incoming resources**

Voluntary donations include donations under Gift Aid with the associated tax relief included when receivable. Interest from deposit accounts are included when receivable. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to the expenditure.

Charitable activities comprise of staff and associated costs of providing Art Therapy to Children in pursuit of the charitable objectives.

Governance costs relate to the general running of the charity, as opposed to the management functions inherent in generating funds.

**Status of funds**

The charity holds both restricted and unrestricted funds. Unrestricted are those for which trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of its objectives and the day to day operation of the charity.

Restricted funds are those which have been donated to the charity for a specific cause or purpose, whereby the donor has imposed a restriction their future use.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are within borrowings in current liabilities.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the CIO, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets and fixtures and fittings on the Bus are included at their cost value and depreciated using the straight-line method over 5 years.

The Bus and integral improvements are included at their cost value had depreciated using the straight-line method of 20 years.

**Taxation**

The charity is not subject to any taxes on its charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The current uncertainty in the global economy, including cost inflating factors, have increased financial pressure on charities. The Trustees have however considered the contingency plans in place, the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements. The Trustees are satisfied the forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern. The Trustees therefore consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

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	Page	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS:</b>			
Charitable trusts		54,514	82,747
Individual donations		38,355	3,779
Gift aid tax relief reclaim		56	3,000
Income from unrestricted donations	11	92,925	89,526
		<b>Restricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Charitable trusts		301,035	142,241
Income from restricted donations	11	301,035	142,241
		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>3. INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Sotheby's auction		73,311	-
Selfridges fundraiser		-	7,550
	11	£ 73,311	£ 7,550
		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITY</b>			
School Contributions		115,030	43,020
	11	£ 115,030	£ 43,020

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
<b>5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Staff costs – Art as Therapy (note 6)	17	82,211	85,316
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		16,338	24,716
Art Materials, schools and studios provision		12,246	9,614
Beattie Method - Handbook		4,930	3,850
Support costs		142,130	12,730
Governance costs		3,181	3,078
Total Unrestricted charitable expenditure	11	£ 261,036	£ 139,304
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	17	109,762	7,573
Contract staff - Charity administration fees		19,094	-
HR Consultant, other consultants, and training		7,490	-
Office and IT expenses		5,784	5,157
Total support costs		142,130	12,730
<b>Governance costs:</b>			
Depreciation (note 8)	18	3,181	2,960
Bank charges		-	118
Total governance costs		3,181	3,078
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
Staff costs – Art as Therapy (note 6)	17	124,515	27,928
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		37,187	3,823
Art Materials, schools and studios provision		26,756	16,295
Support costs		106,097	86,464
Governance costs		10,431	6,119
Total Restricted charitable expenditure	11	£ 304,986	£ 140,629
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	17	55,106	59,249
Office and IT expenses		13,472	7,442
Contract staff - Charity administration fees		12,426	11,765
The Beattie Method – Evaluation and handbook		4,498	3,265
HR Consultant, other consultants, and training		20,595	4,743
		106,097	86,464
<b>Governance costs:</b>			
Insurance		1,763	1,128
Payroll & accounting fees		8,668	4,991
Total governance costs		10,431	6,119

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<b>6. STAFF COSTS:</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Gross Salaries		342,487	168,944
Employers National Insurance contribution		23,096	8,352
Employers Pension contribution		6,010	2,770
	16	<b>£ 371,593</b>	<b>£ 180,066</b>

The average number of employees during the period was 19 (2023: 12). No employee earned more than £60,000 during the period. (2023: nil).

The Trustees consider themselves key management personnel and received no remuneration during the period. (2023: nil).

<b>7. RAISING FUNDS:</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Fundraising consultant and general expenses		10,005	8,472
Sotheby's event costs		4,487	-
Bank charges on receiving donations		645	115
	11	<b>£ 15,137</b>	<b>£ 8,587</b>

		<b>Restricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Sotheby's event costs		29,944	-
Fundraising consultant and general expenses		3,471	362
Bank charges on receiving donations		997	14
	11	<b>£ 34,412</b>	<b>£ 378</b>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Page	Bus 2024 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2024 £	Office Equipment 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January		26,359	9,543	5,663	41,565
Additions		-	-	768	768
Balance at 31 December		26,359	9,543	6,431	42,333
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January		4,401	6,640	3,771	14,812
Charge for the year	16	878	1,273	1,030	3,181
Balance at 31 December		5,279	7,913	4,801	17,993
<b>Net book value at 31 December</b>	12	£ 21,080	£ 1,630	£ 1,630	£24,340

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Bus 2023 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2023 £	Office Equipment 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January		26,359	9,543	4,786	40,688
Additions		-	-	877	877
Balance at 31 December		26,359	9,543	5,663	41,565
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January		3,522	5,367	2,963	11,852
Charge for the year	16	879	1,273	808	2,960
Balance at 31 December		4,401	6,640	3,771	14,812
<b>Net book value at 31 December</b>		£ 21,958	£ 2,903	£ 1,892	£ 26,753

Bus Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment are depreciated over a five-year period using the straight-line method.

The trustees have determined the useful life of the Bus and the internal improvements to be twenty years and will be depreciated over that period using the straight-line method.

The fixed assets are still being used by the charity.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
<b>9. DEBTORS</b>			
Accounts Receivable		5,500	12,430
Prepayments		3,738	1,609
	12	£ 9,238	£ 14,039
		<b>Restricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Accounts Receivable		-	4,000
		£ -	£ 4,000
<b>10. CASH AT BANK</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Santander Current account		42,205	82,716
Santander Deposit account		31,834	63,910
Charity Bank		10,000	-
Co-op Bank		85,000	
Soldo Bank		2,884	879
PayPal account		42	80
	12	£ 171,965	£ 147,585
		<b>Restricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Santander Deposit account		10,463	37,348
	12	£ 10,463	£ 37,348
<b>11. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Accounts payable		29,080	11,236
Pensions payable		3,126	2,458
	12	£ 32,206	£ 13,694

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**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

During the year one trustee made donations totalling £417. These were free of any conditions. The same trustee was reimbursed £50 in respect of art materials purchased on the charity's behalf.

A separate trustee made purchases totalling £4,313 at the charity fundraising event at Sotheby's. By nature of public auctions these were made at arm's length. (2023: There were no related party transactions during the period).

**13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations (note 2)	15	89,526	142,241	231,767
Fundraising (note 3)	15	7,550	-	7,550
Charitable activities (note 4)	15	43,020	-	43,020
Investments		462	-	462
<b>Total income</b>		140,558	142,241	282,799
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities (note 5)	17	139,304	140,629	279,933
Raising funds (note 7)	18	8,587	377	8,964
<b>Total expenditure</b>		147,891	141,006	288,897
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(7,333)	1,235	(6,098)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		182,017	40,112	222,129
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2023</b>	11	£ 174,684	£ 41,347	£ 216,031

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England & Wales - Charity number 1181294

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# Accounts

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**AT THE BUS**

**(Registered Charity No. 1181294)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of At The Bus (“the charity” or “the CIO”), for the period consisting of eight months from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12 - 13 and comply with applicable charity law. The comparative figures run for the calendar year to 31 December 2022.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity’s Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and 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 – SORP (FRS).

This report covers a shorter period from 1 January to 31 August 2023, as a decision was taken by the Trustees to move the financial year to coincide with the academic year and align with the charity’s planning cycle. The 2022 accounts covered the full calendar year to 31 December 2022 and the 2023/24 accounts will cover the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.

## **1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The charity, registered charity number 1181294, is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The principal office is: AT The Bus, c/o New Marston Primary School, Copse Lane, Oxford OX3 0AY

### **Trustees:**

The names of the first trustees who served throughout the period and continue to serve at the date of the report’s approval are:

- Deryn Harvey
- Anthony Mannix (appointed 18 October 2023)
- Bernadette Lowe
- Susanna Lawson
- Nelly-Sabine Munthe
- Graeme Jones

The Trustees did not hold any beneficial interest in the charity’s fund at 31 August 2023 or at any time during or since that period.

### **Bankers:**

Santander Business, Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.

### **Solicitors:**

Ropes and Gray LLP, 60 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7AW

### **Accountants:**

Rawlinson & Hunter LLP, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3AQ

### **Independent Examiner:**

Christopher Hawley FCA, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London EC4A 3AQ

### **Website:**

<https://www.atthebus.org.uk/>

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity was established by a Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 20 December 2018 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by the proper law of England and Wales. The trustees of the charity who are also the members have no liability for the charity's debts.

Apart from the first trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a minimum of three years by resolution. The first trustees have been appointed for set terms, and are eligible for a re-appointment at the end of that term.

The number of trustees shall be a minimum of three and not more than twelve at any one time. Future trustees shall be appointed by majority resolution by the existing trustees. Charity trustees may only be appointed upon satisfactory completion of appropriate DBS checks (where appropriate).

**Induction and Training**

Should new trustees be appointed, a formal induction process will be conducted by the trustees. Other trustee training is undertaken as and when appropriate. All trustees are aware of their legal duties and obligations in respect of the management of the charity, including in relation to the protection of its assets.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

No Trustee received any remuneration during the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023.

**Internal Controls**

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

**Risk Management & Corporate Governance**

A risk assessment has been undertaken which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the Charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the Charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. No major risks were identified at the date of these accounts.

The Trustees have signed fit and proper declarations in line with HMRC guidance.

In addition, the Trustees have taken due consideration of Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, ensuring that the seven main principles of the Code are adhered to. These are:

- Organisational purpose;
- Leadership;
- Integrity;
- Decision-making, risk and control
- Board effectiveness;
- Equality, diversity and inclusion; and
- Openness and accessibility.

The Trustees recognise that good governance plays an essential part in securing the future of the Charity and confirm that the said principles of the Code are followed by them in leading, directing and managing the Charity.

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### 3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

#### Statement of Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the charity supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public, that arise from those activities.

#### Objectives

The Objectives of the CIO are:

1. The advancement of education and preservation and protection of health and mental wellbeing of children and young people experiencing emotional, behavioural and other challenges and complex needs by providing art-as-therapy programmes that, amongst other things, promote engagement with learning and inclusion in schools and communities, for the public benefit.
2. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing training and support for those who work with children and young people experiencing challenges in their lives.

#### Need for AT The Bus

There is a well-documented crisis in children's wellbeing, exacerbated by the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis. One in five children and young people have poor mental health and many struggle to engage in school (NHS Digital 2023). The services which could provide support are overwhelmed, with long waits and high thresholds for access to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). There is little other school based provision.

AT The Bus offers school based, cost-effective, early intervention, which integrates with school pastoral and SEND provision and prevents children's needs from escalating.

At The Bus is a charity that provides school-based mental health support to children and young people in need. This is achieved by:

- Delivering The Beattie Method, a relationship-based group intervention using art as therapy, to support education and wellbeing;
- Providing a mobile service to reach as many children as possible;
- Working on school sites to enable all children to access support;
- Providing effective early intervention, at times when children and young people most need help; and
- Providing training for staff who work with children and young people to improve skill levels and increase support in schools and other settings.

AT The Bus uses The Beattie Method, an innovative relationship-based group intervention developed by founder Dr Juli Beattie OBE. This supports children to explore creativity through art, to build self-esteem, confidence, resilience and independence. Small groups of seven students in single year-groups attend weekly 1h 45 minute long sessions on the school site, away from their mainstream classroom. Children are referred by school and attend for at least one school term. Each session involves talking, sharing books, eating together and individual and group art-making.

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**4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable Activities**

**Growth**

Founded in 2018 AT The Bus is a growing charity. Initially working with 30 children in a single school during the pandemic. In the calendar year 2023 we provided 127 programmes (a school term of weekly sessions) to 750 children and young people in nine primary, secondary and special schools in Oxfordshire and London. The demand for provision of services from headteachers continues to far exceed our ability to deliver and our ongoing focus is to extend provision in order to be able to extend services and support more children and young people in the future.

We are grateful to have worked with committed headteachers, teachers and other staff at the following schools in 2023:

**OXFORD**

The Cherwell School (secondary)

Greyfriars Catholic School (secondary)

New Marston Primary School

SS Philip and James Primary School

St Frideswide Primary School

Windmill Primary School

**LONDON**

St Marylebone CE Bridge School (special)

Barlby Primary School

Newfield Primary School

We continued our partnership with West London Zone, who have commissioned AT The Bus to work in their partner schools in West London.

We also continued to deliver a number of workshops for family groups bringing together a parent/carer to work alongside their child, helping to strengthen relationships and build confidence and skills.

The University of Oxford continued to undertake an independent evaluation of AT The Bus. This study commenced during September 2022 and will conclude in the summer of 2024. Led by Professor Mina Fazel, Professor of Adolescent Psychiatry, this work evaluates the impact of AT The Bus on pupil mental health, wellbeing, resilience, behaviour, and school experience.

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**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The trustees have referred to the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 (“the Act”) and the Guidance on Charities and Fundraising issued by the Charity Commission (“CC20”) and confirm that they act in accordance.

Charitable activity in the eight month period totalled £279,933 (twelve months in 2022: £274,507) and includes direct charitable expenditure of £171,542 (twelve months in 2022: £120,625). This direct charitable expenditure includes the cost of establishing the materials and provisions needed, as well as staff costs for the Therapeutic team.

The change of accounting period does not fully demonstrate the ongoing growth of the charity. The next set of accounts for 2023/4 period are expected to continue to demonstrate a significant upwards income trajectory when compared with previous 12 month account periods.

The accounting treatment in respect of charitable activities is in line with that set out in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The Trustees exercised their powers and amended the financial period end to 31 August 2023 so that it aligned with the Academic year.

**Funding model**

At The Bus has three clear income streams to ensure a balanced funding model and to manage risk:

1. Grants and donations – received from Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and corporate supporters.
2. Earned income – from schools and the provision of commissioned services.
3. Fundraising – includes individual donations, events and campaigns.

Whilst a significant proportion of income now comes from earned sources (schools or third-party commissions) the charity continues to rely on the support of its charitable funders and partners.

We are immensely grateful to all funders for their commitment and support to the charity.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their generous donations that were received in the time period of this report (1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023):

Columbia Threadneedle Foundation, The Clore Duffield Foundation, D'Oyly Carte Foundation, Doris Field Charitable Trust, Ewelme Exhibition Endowment, Helen Roll Foundation, Helianthus Trust, JE Posnansky Charitable Trust, Max Kohler Foundation, Outset Contemporary Art Fund, Oxfordshire County Council - Councillor Priority Community Budgets, Prudence Trust, Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust, Stanton Ballard Charitable Trust, The Sudborough Foundation, The Art Society Oxford, The Mischon Family Trust, Youth in Mind.

Donations were also received from a number of individuals who requested to remain anonymous; we thank everyone for their generosity and support of the charity.

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Funds with restrictions placed upon their use were obtained as follows:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Restriction</b>	<b>Donation £</b>
Anonymous Donation	Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	4,000.00
Anonymous Donation	Provision at Barlby School	9,940.00
D'Oyly Carte Foundation	Art therapy	3,000.00
Doris Field Charitable Trust	Food provision in Oxford	1,000.00
Ewelme Exhibition Endowment	Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	2,000.00
Outset Contemporary Art Fund	Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	20,000.00
Oxfordshire County Council Councillor Priority Budget	Family workshops at New Marston School, Oxford	3,000.00
Oxfordshire County Council Councillor Priority Budget	Provision at Cherwell School, Oxford	1,000.00
Oxfordshire County Council Councillor Priority Budget	Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	1,000.00
Prudence Trust	Business Plan delivery	75,000.00
The Art Society Oxford	Provision at Greyfriars School, Oxford	2,000.00
The Art Society Oxford	Family Workshops at New Marston School, Oxford	1,800.00
The Big Give Trust Ltd	Art materials	2,500.00
The Clore Duffield Foundation	Family Group provision	12,000.00
The Rank Foundation	Art Materials	4,000.00

We also received income for services commissioned by our partner schools. West London Zone commissioned and funded work at Newfield Primary school.

We are also grateful for the generous pro-bono support received from:

- Arby Window Cleaning
- New Marston Primary school (office space)
- Frank and Franks (design support)
- Ropes and Gray LLP (legal services)
- Rawlinson and Hunter (accountancy services)
- Oxford Bus Company
- Oxford Food Bank (food for sessions)
- Volunteers who have supported our work with children or in administrative roles

### **Reserves Policy**

The balance of reserves at 31 August 2023 was £147,931 (2022: £153,181). This represents the total unrestricted assets, less fixed assets of the charity, and will be used to support direct charitable operational costs during 2023.

The Trustees have no outstanding commitments or cash demands. The net current assets of the charity are regarded as free reserves and the funds at 31 August 2023 will be retained to fund charitable activities in accordance with the charity's charitable objects. The Trustees consider that the freely expendable funds are appropriate and adequate taking into accounts plans in the future and have at present therefore not designated any specific reserves.

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**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)**

**Reserves Policy**

During 2023 a new Reserves Policy was established. This set out that Trustees regard it as prudent to retain funds equivalent to between 5 and 6 months of full running costs, as forecast at least 4 months ahead. This will ensure that the charity's work with vulnerable children is not placed at risk.

The ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, the resultant high energy cost and other inflationary factors have affected the global economy. Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts and the growth plans of the charity, the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

**6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The growth ambitions of the 2022 Business Plan remain firmly in place.

2023 has continued to see growth of the charity, with a particular focus on increasing numbers of therapeutic staff and establishing a new training programme. This will enable us to continue to expand provision to more children in the future, and extend The Beattie Method beyond employees to staff working in schools and other settings.

We continue to review fundraising resources and processes with a view to continuing to extend our income streams and enable future growth. Relationships with school partners are positive, but school incomes are challenged by their own financial circumstances and is an area of potential risk. The Big Give Campaign, plus two significant fundraising events in 2024 are important planks in raising future income and extending funding networks.

Further information on future plans are available by request via [www.atthebus.org.uk](http://www.atthebus.org.uk)

The trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed in section 3 of this report but will further develop and refine the strategies, policies and procedures in future.

**Approved by the Trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by:**



.....  
Deryn Harvey (Trustee)

5<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
.....  
Date

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF AT THE BUS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of At The Bus ("the charity") for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

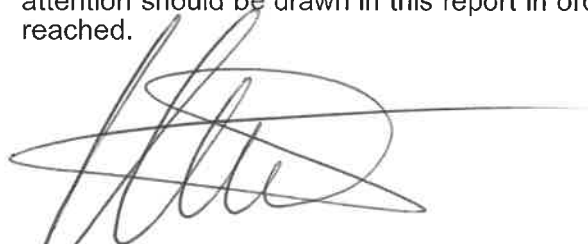
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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



Christopher John Hawley FCA  
Chartered Accountant and Independent Examiner  
Eighth Floor  
6 New Street Square  
New Fetter Lane  
London  
EC4A 3AQ

5/6/2024.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations (note 2)	14	89,526	142,241	231,767	260,884
Fundraising (note 3)	14	7,550	-	7,550	-
Charitable activities (note 4)	14	43,020	-	43,020	57,300
Investments		462	-	462	101
<b>Total income</b>		<b>140,558</b>	<b>142,241</b>	<b>282,799</b>	<b>318,285</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities (note 5)	15	139,304	140,629	279,933	274,507
Raising funds (note 7)	16	8,587	377	8,964	3,159
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>147,891</b>	<b>141,006</b>	<b>288,897</b>	<b>277,667</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,333)</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>(6,098)</b>	<b>40,618</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		182,017	40,112	222,129	181,511
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2023</b>	11	<b>£ 174,684</b>	<b>£ 41,347</b>	<b>£ 216,031</b>	<b>£ 222,129</b>

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2022 is included as note 13 to the Financial Statements.

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2022 and period ended 31 August 2023 other than those included in the Income and Expenditure Account.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Page	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible Assets (note 8)	17	26,753	28,836
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors (note 9)	18	18,039	17,913
Cash at bank (note 10)	18	184,933	185,495
		202,972	203,408
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year (note 11)	18	13,694	10,115
<b>Net current assets</b>		189,278	193,293
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		£ 216,031	£ 222,129
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted funds		41,347	40,112
Unrestricted funds		174,684	182,017
	11	£ 216,031	£ 222,129

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

*Deryn Harvey*

.....  
Deryn Harvey (Trustee)

*5<sup>th</sup> June 2024*  
.....  
Date

**AT THE BUS****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) ("Charities SORP FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and where applicable, the Charities Act 2022 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied the provisions set out in Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and does not include a cash flow statement.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

**Incoming resources**

Voluntary donations include donations under Gift Aid with the associated tax relief included when receivable. Interest from deposit accounts are included when receivable. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to the expenditure.

Charitable activities comprise of staff and associated costs of providing Art Therapy to Children in pursuit of the charitable objectives.

Governance costs relate to the general running of the charity, as opposed to the management functions inherent in generating funds.

**Status of funds**

The charity holds both restricted and unrestricted funds. Unrestricted are those for which trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of its objectives and the day to day operation of the charity.

Restricted funds are those which have been donated to the charity for a specific cause or purpose, whereby the donor has imposed a restriction their future use.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are within borrowings in current liabilities.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the CIO, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets and fixtures and fittings on the Bus are included at their cost value and depreciated using the straight-line method over 5 years.

The Bus and integral improvements are included at their cost value had depreciated using the straight-line method of 20 years.

**Taxation**

The charity is not subject to any taxes on its charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

The ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, the resultant high energy cost and other inflationary factors have affected the global economy. Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts, the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
<b>2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS:</b>			
Individual donations		3,779	5,973
Gift aid tax relief reclaim		3,000	2,482
Charitable trusts		82,747	109,819
Income from unrestricted donations	10	<u>89,526</u>	<u>118,274</u>
		<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>
Charitable trusts		142,241	142,610
Income from restricted donations	10	<u>142,241</u>	<u>142,610</u>
Total Income from donations	10	<u>£ 231,797</u>	<u>£ 260,884</u>
		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>
<b>3. INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Selfridges fundraiser		7,550	-
	10	<u>£ 7,550</u>	<u>£ -</u>
		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>
<b>4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITY</b>			
School Contributions		43,020	57,300
	10	<u>£ 43,020</u>	<u>£ 57,300</u>

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
<b>5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Staff costs – Art as Therapy (note 6)	16	85,316	75,627
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		24,716	-
Art Materials, schools and studios provision		9,614	-
Beatie Method - Handbook		3,850	-
Support costs		12,730	84,740
Governance costs		3,078	11,643
Total Unrestricted charitable expenditure	10	£ 139,304	£ 172,010
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	16	7,573	35,610
Office and IT expenses		5,157	8,078
Contract staff - Charity administration fees		-	40,378
HR Consultant and training		-	674
Total support costs		12,730	84,740
<b>Governance costs:</b>			
Depreciation (note 8)	17	2,960	4,184
Bank charges		118	-
Payroll & accounting fees		-	5,694
Insurance		-	1,765
Total governance costs		3,078	11,643
		<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>
Staff costs – Art as Therapy (note 6)	16	27,928	33,522
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		3,823	-
Art Materials, schools and studios provision		16,295	11,476
Support costs		86,464	57,500
Governance costs		6,119	-
Total Restricted charitable expenditure	10	£ 140,629	£ 102,498
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	16	59,249	30,500
Office expenses		7,442	-
Contract staff - Charity administration fees		11,765	-
The Beatie Method – Evaluation		3,265	2,000
HR Consultant and training		4,743	-
Business plan development		-	25,000
		86,464	57,500
<b>Governance costs:</b>			
Insurance		1,128	-
Payroll & accounting fees		4,991	-
		6,119	-

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
<b>6. STAFF COSTS:</b>			
Gross Salaries		168,944	134,522
Employers National Insurance contribution		8,352	5,406
Employers Pension contribution		2,770	1,809
	15	<u>£ 180,066</u>	<u>£ 141,737</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 12 (2022: 7). No employee earned more than £60,000 during the period. (2022: nil).

The Trustees consider themselves key management personnel and received no remuneration during the period. (2022: nil).

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
<b>7. RAISING FUNDS:</b>			
Fundraising consultant and general expenses		8,472	2,882
Marketing and advertising		-	250
Bank charges on receiving donations		115	27
	10	<u>£ 8,587</u>	<u>£ 3,159</u>

		Restricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £
Marketing and advertising		362	-
Bank charges on receiving donations		14	-
	10	<u>£ 378</u>	<u>£ -</u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Page	Bus 2023 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2023 £	Office Equipment 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January		26,359	9,543	4,786	40,688
Additions		-	-	877	877
Balance at 31 December		26,359	9,543	5,663	41,565
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January		3,522	5,367	2,963	11,852
Charge for the period	15	879	1,273	808	2,960
Balance at 31 December		4,401	6,640	3,771	14,812
<b>Net book value at 31 December</b>	11	£ 21,958	£ 2,903	£ 1,892	£ 26,753

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Bus 2022 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2022 £	Office Equipment 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January		26,359	8,644	4,786	39,789
Additions			899		899
Balance at 31 December		26,359	9,543	4,786	40,688
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January		2,204	3,458	2,006	7,668
Charge for the year	15	1,318	1,909	957	4,184
Balance at 31 December		3,522	5,367	2,963	11,852
<b>Net book value at 31 December</b>		£ 22,837	£ 4,176	£ 1,823	£ 28,836

Bus Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment are depreciated over a five-year period using the straight-line method.

The trustees have determined the useful life of the Bus and the internal improvements to be twenty years and will be depreciated over that period using the straight-line method.

The fixed assets are still being used by the charity.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
<b>9. DEBTORS</b>			
Accounts Receivable		12,430	17,000
Prepayments		1,609	913
	11	£ 14,039	£ 17,913
		<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>
Accounts Receivable		4,000	-
		£ 4,000	£ -
<b>10. CASH AT BANK</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>
Santander Current account		82,716	52,855
Santander Deposit account		63,910	90,755
Soldo Bank		879	-
PayPal account		80	1,376
	11	£ 147,585	£ 144,986
		<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>
Santander Deposit account		37,348	40,112
		£ 37,348	£ 40,112
<b>11. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>
Accounts payable		11,236	8,330
Pensions payable		2,458	1,785
	11	£ 13,694	£ 10,115

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**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

There were no related party transactions during the period. (2022: There were no related party transactions during the year).

No trustees incurred or received reimbursement for expenditure during the period. (2022: nil).

**13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations (note 2)	14	118,274	142,610	260,884
Other Income (note 4)	14	57,300	-	57,300
Investments		101	-	101
<b>Total income</b>		175,675	142,610	318,285
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities (note 5)	15	172,010	102,498	274,507
Raising funds (note 7)	16	3,159	-	3,159
<b>Total expenditure</b>		175,169	102,497	277,667
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		506	40,112	40,618
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		181,511	-	181,511
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022</b>	11	£ 182,017	£ 40,112	£ 222,129

**AT THE BUS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181294

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# Accounts

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**AT THE BUS**

**(Registered Charity No. 1181294)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of At The Bus (“the charity” or “the CIO”), for the year to 31 December 2022. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12 - 13 and comply with applicable charity law.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity’s Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and 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 – SORP (FRS).

**1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The charity, registered charity number 1181294, is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The principal office is: The Cherwell School, South Site, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, OX2 7EF.

**Trustees:**

The names of the first trustees who served throughout the period and continue to serve at the date of the report’s approval are:

- Deryn Harvey
- Adam Munthe (resigned May 2023)
- Nelly-Sabine Munthe (appointed 24 May 2022)
- Anna Mishcon (resigned May 2022)
- Gloria Lowe
- Susanna Lawson
- Graeme Jones

The Trustees did not hold any beneficial interest in the charity’s fund at 31 December 2022 or at any time during or since that period.

**Bankers:**

Santander Business, Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.

**Solicitors:**

Ropes and Gray LLP, 60 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7AW

**Accountants:**

Rawlinson & Hunter LLP, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3AQ

**Independent Examiner:**

Christopher Hawley FCA, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London EC4A 3AQ

**Website:**

<https://www.atthebus.org.uk/>

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity was established by a Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 20 December 2018 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by the proper law of England and Wales. The trustees of the charity who are also the members have no liability for the charity's debts.

Apart from the first trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a minimum of three years by resolution. The first trustees have been appointed for set terms, and are eligible for a re-appointment at the end of that term.

The number of trustees shall be a minimum of three and not more than twelve at any one time. Future trustees shall be appointed by majority resolution by the existing trustees. Charity trustees may only be appointed upon satisfactory completion of appropriate DBS checks (where appropriate).

**Induction and Training**

Should new trustees be appointed, a formal induction process will be conducted by the trustees. Other trustee training is undertaken as and when appropriate. All trustees are aware of their legal duties and obligations in respect of the management of the charity, including in relation to the protection of its assets.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and where relevant, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

No Trustee received any remuneration during the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

**Internal Controls**

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

**Risk Management & Corporate Governance**

A risk assessment has been undertaken which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the Charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the Charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. No major risks were identified at the date of these accounts.

The Trustees have signed fit and proper declarations in line with HMRC guidance.

In addition, the Trustees have taken due consideration of Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, ensuring that the seven main principles of the Code are adhered to. These are:

- Organisational purpose;
- Leadership;
- Integrity;
- Decision-making, risk and control
- Board effectiveness;
- Equality, diversity and inclusion; and
- Openness and accessibility.

The Trustees recognise that good governance plays an essential part in securing the future of the Charity and confirm that the said principles of the Code are followed by them in leading, directing and managing the Charity

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**3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

**Statement of Public Benefit**

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the charity supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public, that arise from those activities.

**Objectives**

The Objectives of the CIO are:

1. The advancement of education and preservation and protection of health and mental wellbeing of children and young people experiencing emotional, behavioural and other challenges and complex needs by providing art-as-therapy programmes that, amongst other things, promote engagement with learning and inclusion in schools and communities, for the public benefit.
2. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing training and support for those who work with children and young people experiencing challenges in their lives.

**Need for AT The Bus**

There is a well-documented crisis in children's wellbeing, exacerbated by the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis. One in six children and young people have poor mental health and many struggle to engage in school (NHS Digital 2022). The services which could provide support are overwhelmed, with long waits and high thresholds for access to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). There is little other school based provision.

AT The Bus offers school based, cost-effective, early intervention, which integrates with school pastoral and SEND provision and prevents children's needs from escalating.

At The Bus is a charity that provides school-based mental health support to children and young people in need. This is achieved by:

- Delivering The Beattie Method, a relationship-based group intervention using art as therapy, to support education and wellbeing;
- Providing a mobile service to reach as many children as possible;
- Working on school sites to enable all children to access support;
- Providing effective early intervention, at times when children and young people most need help; and
- Providing training for staff who work with children and young people to improve skill levels and increase support in schools and other settings.

AT The Bus uses The Beattie Method, an innovative relationship-based group intervention developed by founder Dr Juli Beattie OBE. This supports children to explore creativity through art, to build self-esteem, confidence, resilience and independence. Small groups of seven students in single year-groups attend weekly 1h 45 minute long sessions on the school site, away from their mainstream classroom. Children are referred by school and attend for at least one school term. Each session involves talking, sharing books, eating together and individual and group art-making.

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**4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable Activities**

**Growth**

Founded in 2018 AT The Bus is a growing charity. Initially we were working with 30 children in a single school during the pandemic. In academic year 2022/23 we provided 17,000 hours of support to 700 children in nine primary and secondary schools in Oxfordshire and London. The demand for provision of services from headteachers continues to far exceed our ability to deliver.

In early 2022 the charity worked up a new four-year Business Plan to ensure a clear strategic approach to growth and enable us to support many more children and schools in the future. The plan was adopted by Trustees in summer 2022 and a new joint CEO post was created and filled by Juli Beattie OBE (founder) and Maggie Scott from September 2022.

In the academic year 2022/23 important strides were made in investing for future growth, embedding and strengthening staffing and internal processes and adding capacity in critical functions. The charity's foundations were significantly strengthened through work on governance, fundraising and training.

We also significantly expanded delivery, and hit our Business Plan targets to extend provision from 8,800 hours of intervention in 2021/22 to 17,000 hours in 2022/23.

We are grateful to have worked with committed headteachers, teachers and other staff at the following schools in academic year 2022/23:

**OXFORD**

The Cherwell School (secondary)

Greyfriars Catholic School (secondary)

New Marston Primary School

SS Philip and James Primary School

St Frideswide Primary School

Windmill Primary School

New studio spaces were established at Greyfriars Catholic School (formerly known as St Gregory the Great Catholic School) and at St Marylebone CE Bridge School. This is a school supporting 11-16 year olds with additional communication, speech and language needs.

We also established a strong partnership with West London Zone, who have commissioned AT The Bus to work in their partner schools in West London.

We piloted a new model of family workshops bringing together a parent/carer to work alongside their child, helping to strengthen relationships and build confidence and skills.

**LONDON**

St Marylebone CE Bridge School (secondary special)

Barlby Primary School

Newfield Primary School

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**4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (continued)**

**Formal evaluation**

An independent study by The University of Oxford commenced in September 2022. Led by Professor Mina Fazel, Professor of Adolescent Psychiatry, this is a 2-year quantitative evaluation of the impact of AT The Bus on pupil mental health, wellbeing, resilience, behaviour, and school experience. This work will conclude and report in autumn 2024.

**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The trustees have referred to the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 (“the Act”) and the Guidance on Charities and Fundraising issued by the Charity Commission (“CC20”) and confirm that they act in accordance.

Charitable activity in the period totalled £274,507 (2021: £206,669) and includes direct charitable expenditure of £120,625 (2021: £93,026). This direct charitable expenditure includes the cost of establishing the materials and provisions needed, as well as staff costs for the Therapeutic team.

The accounting treatment in respect of charitable activities is in line with that set out in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

**Funding model**

At The Bus has three clear income streams to ensure a balanced funding model and manage risk:

1. Grants and donations – Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and corporate supporters.
2. Earned income – from 2021 a focus has been on earning income from schools and through provision of commissioned services.
3. Fundraising – includes individual donations, events and campaigns.

Whilst a significant proportion of income now comes from earned sources (from schools or third-party commissioners) the charity continues to rely on the support of its charitable funders and partners.

We are immensely grateful to all funders for their commitment and support to the charity, especially during its start-up and initial phases of growth.

In 2022 donations were received from the following sources:

Columbia Threadneedle Foundation	Oxfordshire County Council - Councillor Community Budgets
Doris Field Charitable Trust	Oxfordshire Youth in Mind
Ewelme Exhibition Endowment Fund	Project Spark
Helen Roll Foundation	Prudence Trust
JE Posnansky Charitable Trust	Pye's Charitable Settlement

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5. **FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)**

Jessica Pryce-Jones	Robert McAlpine Foundation
Judy and Andrew Silver	Siskind Family Fund
Max Kohler Foundation	Sudborough Foundation
The Mischon Family Charitable Trust	Summerfield Preparatory School
Outset Contemporary Art Fund	The Arts Society Oxford

Oxford City Council - Oxford Community Impact Fund 2022

We are immensely grateful to everyone who has supported AT The BUS, including those who have requested not to be publicly named.

We received income for services commissioned by our partner schools. West London Zone commissioned and funded work at Newfield Primary school.

We are also grateful for the generous pro-bono support received from:

- Ropes and Gray LLP (legal services)
- Rawlinson and Hunter (accountancy services)
- Oxford Bus Company
- Oxford Food Bank (food for sessions)
- Volunteers who have supported our work with children or in administrative roles

**Reserves Policy**

The balance of reserves at 31 December 2022 was £182,017 (2021: £149,390). This represents the net current assets of the charity, and will be used to support direct charitable operational costs during 2023.

The Trustees have no outstanding commitments or cash demands. The net current assets of the charity are regarded as free reserves and the funds at 31 December 2022 will be retained to fund charitable activities in accordance with the charity's charitable objects. The Trustees consider that the freely expendable funds are appropriate and adequate taking into accounts plans in the future and have at present therefore not designated any specific reserves.

There was increased income generation and expenditure in 2022/23 and in 2023 a new Reserves Policy was established. This set out that Trustees regard it as prudent to have available funds of between 5 and 6 months of full running costs as forecast at least 4 months ahead. This will ensure that work with vulnerable children is not placed at risk.

The Covid-19 pandemic and current ongoing conflict in Ukraine have affected the global economy. Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts, the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

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**6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

2023 has continued to see growth of the charity, with a particular focus on increasing numbers of therapeutic staff and establishing a new training programme. This will enable us to continue to expand provision to more children in the future, and extend The Beattie Method beyond employees to staff working in schools and other settings.

We are reviewing fundraising resources and processes with a view to continuing to extend our income streams and enable future growth. Relationships with school partners are positive, but school incomes are challenged by their own financial circumstances and there are some signs that schools that previously paid for our provision are no longer able to afford this. A significant fundraising event is being planned for spring 2024 and we will be taking part in the 2023 Big Give Christmas Challenge in December. We are delighted to have received Pledge funding from Columbia Threadneedle and additional Champion funding from The Childhood Trust to support this year's campaign.

The growth ambitions of the 2022 Business Plan remain firmly in place. The plan is currently being reviewed to ensure a clear focus for work in 2024, and that the next phase of growth is appropriately phased.

Further information on future plans are available by request via [www.atthebus.org.uk](http://www.atthebus.org.uk)

The trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed in section 3 of this report but will further develop and refine the strategies, policies and procedures in future.

**Approved by the Trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by:**



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**Deryn Harvey (Trustee)**

18th October 2023

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**Date**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF AT THE BUS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of At The Bus ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

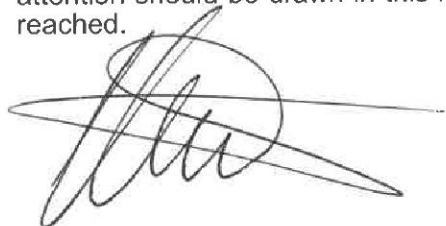
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations (note 2)	14	175,574	142,610	318,184	210,325
Fundraising (note 3)	14	-	-	-	30,018
Other Income (note 4)	14	-	-	-	10,441
Investments		101	-	101	10
<b>Total income</b>		<b>175,675</b>	<b>142,610</b>	<b>318,285</b>	<b>250,794</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities (note 5)	15	172,010	102,498	274,507	206,669
Raising funds (note 7)	16	3,159	-	3,159	18,702
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>175,169</b>	<b>102,497</b>	<b>277,667</b>	<b>225,371</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>40,112</b>	<b>40,618</b>	<b>25,423</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		181,511	-	181,511	£156,088
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022</b>	11	<b>£ 182,017</b>	<b>£ 40,112</b>	<b>£ 222,129</b>	<b>£ 181,511</b>

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2021 is included as note 13 to the Financial Statements.

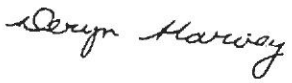
All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022 other than those included in the Income and Expenditure Account.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Page	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible Assets (note 8)	17	28,836	32,121
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors (note 9)	18	17,913	22,019
Cash at bank (note 10)	18	185,495	144,986
		203,408	167,005
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year (note 11)	18	10,115	17,615
<b>Net current assets</b>		193,293	149,390
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		£ 222,129	£ 181,511
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted funds		40,112	-
Unrestricted funds		182,017	181,511
	11	£ 222,129	£ 181,511

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

  
.....  
**Deryn Harvey (Trustee)**

18th October 2023  
.....  
**Date**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) ("Charities SORP FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and where applicable, the Charities Act 2022 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied the provisions set out in Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and does not include a cash flow statement.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

**Incoming resources**

Voluntary donations include donations under Gift Aid with the associated tax relief included when receivable. Interest from deposit accounts are included when receivable. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to the expenditure.

Charitable activities comprise of staff and associated costs of providing Art Therapy to Children in pursuit of the charitable objectives.

Governance costs relate to the general running of the charity, as opposed to the management functions inherent in generating funds.

**Status of funds**

The charity holds both restricted and unrestricted funds. Unrestricted are those for which trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of its objectives and the day to day operation of the charity.

Restricted funds are those which have been donated to the charity for a specific cause or purpose, whereby the donor has imposed a restriction their future use.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are within borrowings in current liabilities.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the CIO, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets and fixtures and fittings on the Bus are included at their cost value and depreciated using the straight-line method over 5 years.

The Bus and integral improvements are included at their cost value had depreciated using the straight-line method of 20 years.

**Taxation**

The charity is not subject to any taxes on its charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the resultant high energy cost and other inflationary factors have affected the global economy. Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts, the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
<b>2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS:</b>			
Individual donations		5,973	32,018
Gift aid tax relief reclaim		2,482	21,655
Charitable trusts		109,819	79,506
Corporate donations		57,300	77,146
Income from unrestricted donations	10	175,574	210,325
		Restricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £
Charitable trusts		142,610	-
Income from restricted donations		142,610	-
Total Income from donations		£ 318,184	£ 210,325
<b>3. INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>		Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
Masked Fundraiser		-	30,018
	10	£ -	£ 30,018
<b>4. OTHER INCOME</b>		Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme grant		-	10,441
	10	£ -	£ 10,441

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
<b>5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Staff costs – Art as Therapy (note 6)	16	75,627	62,794
Art Materials, schools and studios provision		-	11,853
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		-	8,379
Support costs		84,740	104,903
Governance costs		11,643	8,740
Total Unrestricted charitable expenditure	10	£ 172,010	£ 196,669
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	16	35,610	63,271
Office expenses		6,491	3,362
IT Expenses		1,587	1,216
HR Consultant and training		674	1,714
Contract staff - Charity administration fees		40,378	35,340
Total support costs		84,740	104,903
<b>Governance costs:</b>			
Depreciation (note 8)	17	4,184	4,004
Payroll & accounting software fees		5,694	4,287
Insurance		1,765	449
Total governance costs		11,643	8,740
		<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>
Art Materials, schools and studios provision		11,476	-
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		33,522	-
Support costs		57,500	-
Art Materials – Art in a box		-	10,000
Total Restricted charitable expenditure	10	£102,498	£ 10,000
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	16	30,500	-
Business plan development		25,000	-
The Beatie Method – Evaluation		2,000	-
		57,500	-

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<b>6. STAFF COSTS:</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>
Gross Salaries		134,522	121,758
Employers National Insurance contribution		5,406	2,939
Employers Pension contribution		1,809	1,368
	15	<u>£ 141,737</u>	<u>£ 126,065</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 7 (2021: 7). No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year. (2021: nil).

The Trustees consider themselves key management personnel and received no remuneration during the year. (2021: nil).

<b>7. RAISING FUNDS:</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>
Masked Fundraiser		-	11,957
Fundraising consultant and general expenses		2,882	6,177
Marketing and advertising		250	486
Bank charges on receiving donations		27	82
	10	<u>£ 3,159</u>	<u>£ 18,702</u>

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	Page	Bus 2022 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2022 £	Office Equipment 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>					
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January		26,359	8,644	4,786	39,789
Additions			899		899
Balance at 31 December		<u>26,359</u>	<u>9,543</u>	<u>4,786</u>	<u>40,688</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January		2,204	3,458	2,006	7,668
Charge for the year	15	1,318	1,909	957	4,184
Balance at 31 December		<u>3,522</u>	<u>5,367</u>	<u>2,963</u>	<u>11,852</u>
<b>Net book value at 31 December</b>	11	<u>£ 22,837</u>	<u>£ 4,176</u>	<u>£ 1,823</u>	<u>£ 28,836</u>
<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (prior year)</b>					
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January		17,710	8,644	3,646	30,000
Additions		8,649	-	1,140	9,789
Balance at 31 December		<u>26,359</u>	<u>8,644</u>	<u>4,786</u>	<u>39,789</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January		886	1,729	1,049	3,664
Charge for the year	15	1,318	1,729	957	4,004
Balance at 31 December		<u>2,204</u>	<u>3,458</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>7,668</u>

Bus Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment are depreciated over a five-year period using the straight-line method.

The trustees have determined the useful life of the Bus and the internal improvements to be twenty years and will be depreciated over that period using the straight-line method.

The fixed assets are still being used by the charity.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
<b>9. DEBTORS</b>			
Accounts Receivable		17,000	21,000
Prepayments		913	1,019
	11	£ 17,913	£ 22,019
		Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
<b>10. CASH AT BANK</b>			
Santander Deposit account		54,359	90,755
Santander Current account		90,856	52,855
PayPal account		168	1,376
	11	£ 145,383	£ 144,986
		Restricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £
Santander Deposit account		40,112	-
		£ 40,112	£
		Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
<b>11. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Pensions payable		1,785	1,134
Accounts payable		8,330	16,481
	11	£ 10,115	£ 17,615

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**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

There were no related party transactions during the year. (2021: one Trustee donated £15,000 to the charity).

No trustees incurred or received reimbursement for expenditure during the year. (2021: nil).

**13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations (note 2)	14	210,325	-	210,325
Fundraising (note 3)	14	30,018	-	30,018
Other Income (note 4)	14	10,441	-	10,441
Investments		10	-	10
<b>Total income</b>		250,794	-	250,794
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities (note 5)	15	196,669	10,000	206,669
Raising funds (note 7)	16	18,702	-	18,702
<b>Total expenditure</b>		215,371	10,000	225,371
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		35,423	(10,000)	25,423
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		146,088	10,000	£156,088

**AT THE BUS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181294

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# Accounts

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**AT THE BUS**  
**(Registered Charity No. 1181294)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of At The Bus (“the charity” or “the CIO”), for the year to 31 December 2021. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 11 - 12 and comply with applicable charity law.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity’s Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and 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 – SORP (FRS).

**1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The charity, registered charity number 1181294, is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The principal office is: The Cherwell School, South Site, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, OX2 7EF.

**Trustees:**

The names of the first trustees who served throughout the period and continue to serve at the date of the report’s approval are:

- Deryn Harvey
- Adam Munthe
- Nelly-Sabine Munthe (appointed 24 May 2022)
- Anna Mishcon (resigned May 2022)
- Gloria Lowe
- Susanna Lawson
- Graeme Jones

The Trustees did not hold any beneficial interest in the charity’s fund at 31 December 2021 or at any time during or since that period.

**Bankers:**

Santander Business, Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.

**Solicitors:**

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2R 7HF

**Accountants:**

Rawlinson & Hunter LLP, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3AQ

**Independent Examiner:**

Christopher Hawley FCA, Eighth Floor, 6 New Street Square, London EC4A 3AQ

**Website:**

<https://www.atthebus.org.uk/>

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity was established by a Constitution dated 12 November 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 20 December 2018 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by the proper law of England and Wales. The trustees of the charity who are also the members have no liability for the charity's debts.

Apart from the first trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a minimum of three years by resolution. The first trustees have been appointed for set terms, and are eligible for a re-appointment at the end of that term.

The number of trustees shall be a minimum of three and not more than twelve at any one time. Future trustees shall be appointed by majority resolution by the existing trustees. Charity trustees may only be appointed upon satisfactory completion of appropriate DBS checks (where appropriate).

**Induction and Training**

Should new trustees be appointed, a formal induction process will be conducted by the trustees. Other trustee training is undertaken as and when appropriate. All trustees are aware of their legal duties and obligations in respect of the management of the charity, including in relation to the protection of its assets.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

No Trustee received any remuneration during the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

**Internal Controls**

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

**Risk Management & Corporate Governance**

A risk assessment has been undertaken which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the Charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the Charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. No major risks were identified at the date of these accounts.

The Trustees have signed fit and proper declarations in line with HMRC guidance.

In addition, the Trustees have taken due consideration of Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, ensuring that the seven main principles of the Code are adhered to. These are:

- Organisational purpose;
- Leadership;
- Integrity;
- Decision-making, risk and control
- Board effectiveness;
- Equality, diversity and inclusion; and
- Openness and accessibility.

The Trustees recognise that good governance plays an essential part in securing the future of the Charity and confirm that the said principles of the Code are followed by them in leading, directing and managing the Charity

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**2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Fundraising**

At The Bus relies on the support of its charitable funders and partners and is very thankful for their commitment and support to the charity, especially during its start-up phase. The charity especially notes the support given by funders and other benefactors whilst needing to make sudden changes to plans caused by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The trustees have referred to the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 (“the Act”) and the Guidance on Charities and Fundraising issued by the Charity Commission (“CC20”) and confirm that they act in accordance.

**3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Objectives of the CIO are:

1. The advancement of education and preservation and protection of health and mental wellbeing of children and young people experiencing emotional, behavioural and other challenges and complex needs by providing art-as-therapy programmes that, amongst other things, promote engagement with learning and inclusion in schools and communities, for the public benefit.
2. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing training and support for those who work with children and young people experiencing challenges in their lives.

**Activities**

At The Bus is a charity that provides school-based mental health support to children and young people in need. This is achieved by:

- Delivering The Beattie Method, a relationship-based group intervention using art as therapy, to support education and wellbeing;
- Providing a mobile service to reach as many children as possible;
- Working on school sites to enable all children to access support;
- Providing effective early intervention, at times when children and young people most need help; and
- Providing training for staff who work with children and young people to improve skill levels and increase support in schools and other settings.

Children and young people are referred by school to attend therapeutic sessions. These are led by two highly skilled facilitators who support small groups of seven children who meet every week for the minimum of a term, in structured sessions of between 1 and 2 hours. Each week pupils work on individual and group art projects, transforming everyday objects into art and transforming the way that they feel about themselves. They share food and conversation. Regular, consistent group sessions build trust in themselves and others, promote self-esteem, independence, positive relationships, emotional literacy and resilience all of which helps young people to re-engage effectively with education.

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**3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT (continued)**

**Statement of Public Benefit**

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the charity supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public, that arise from those activities.

**4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable Activities**

At The Bus was founded in December 2018 and continued to operate during the period of the Covid pandemic despite school closures and many practical challenges. The early part of 2021 saw disruption from Covid continue but over the course of the year considerable progress was made in embedding and growing the charity. Key aspects included:

- A beautifully refurbished double decker bus was launched in September 2021 and became an active studio at The Cherwell School in Oxford;
- A new studio and office space was established at New Marston Primary School, a number of other local primary schools also travelled to this studio to access sessions;
- A new studio was opened at Barlby School in North Kensington, London;
- AT The Bus in a Box (mobile service) was provided to several other primary schools in Oxford; and
- Summer school to support transition from primary to secondary school was held for 200 children at The Cherwell School.

Over the course of the full academic year (2021/22) 8,800 hours of contact was provided to 440 children, from 8 schools.

In addition internal processes were strengthened to provide the charity with additional capacity and resilience. A fulltime administrator post was established. Funding streams were considerably diversified with new income streams coming from contributions from schools from September 2021.

Charitable activity in the period totalled £206,669 (2020: £89,059) and includes direct charitable expenditure of £93,026 (2020: £66,372). This direct charitable expenditure includes the cost of establishing the materials and provisions needed, as well as staff costs for the Therapeutic team.

The accounting treatment in respect of charitable activities is in line with that set out in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

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**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The balance of reserves at 31 December 2021 was £149,390 (2020: £129,752). This represents the net current assets of the charity, and will be used to support direct charitable operational costs during 2022.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees have no outstanding commitments or cash demands. The net current assets of the charity are regarded as free reserves and the funds at 31 December 2021 will be retained to fund charitable activities in accordance with the charity's charitable objects. The trustees consider that the freely expendable funds are appropriate and adequate taking into accounts plans in the future and have at present therefore not designated any specific reserves. However, the trustees will keep this under constant review. In future years a specific reserves policy may be required.

The Covid-19 pandemic and current ongoing conflict in Ukraine have affected the global economy. Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts, the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

**6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

There is a crisis in children's mental health, driven in part by Covid and the cost of living crisis. Children, families and schools urgently need support and there are few providers working with schools to help children in need. AT The Bus gets regular requests from headteachers for help that cannot be provided due to limited capacity.

In order to better respond to this need, in early 2022 the charity worked up a new Business Strategy that articulates ambitions for growth and sets out plans to scale up operations over the next 4 years. This will be delivered through new leadership arrangements (appointments were made to a joint CEO post in September 2022) and increased numbers of facilitator staff to work with children and young people.

Key elements of plans for the future include:

2022/23 academic year – 'Embed and Invest' activity

- Support 800 children over the year
- Open a further studio at a secondary school in East Oxford
- Pilot provision in a rural area
- Expand to an additional school in London
- Work in partnership with The University of Oxford to complete evaluation work
- Develop and pilot a new training offer to create a new income stream for the charity
- Seek more commissioned services
- Publish The Beattie Method manual
- Continue to embed and strengthen internal processes

2023/24 academic year 'Extend'

- Double the number of studio spaces
- Extend into rural areas of Oxfordshire
- Extend into other areas of London
- Extend training provision and seek accreditation
- Develop a franchise model

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**6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE (continued)**

2024/25 academic year

- Continue to expand
- Pilot a franchise model

2025/26 academic year 'Deliver at Scale'

- Reach more children through direct provision in Oxfordshire and London
- Expand geographically through the franchise model

Further information on future plans can be found in the Business Plan, available by request via [www.atthebus.org.uk](http://www.atthebus.org.uk)

The trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed in section 3 of this report but will further develop and refine their strategies, policies and procedures in future.

**Approved by the Trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by:**



**25/10/2022**

.....  
**Deryn Harvey (Trustee)**

.....  
**Date**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF AT THE BUS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of At The Bus (“the charity”) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity’s trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair view’ which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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

Christopher John Hawley FCA  
Chartered Accountant and Independent Examiner  
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**26/10/2022**

## AT THE BUS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020* £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations (note 2)	13	210,325	-	210,325	105,074
Fundraising (note 3)	13	30,018	-	30,018	8,324
Other Income (note 4)	13	10,441	-	10,441	-
Investments		10	-	10	359
<b>Total income</b>		<b>250,794</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250,794</b>	<b>113,575</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities (note 5)	14	196,669	10,000	206,669	89,059
Raising funds (note 7)	15	18,702	-	18,702	7,668
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>215,371</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>225,371</b>	<b>96,727</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>35,423</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>25,423</b>	<b>17,030</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		146,088	10,000	£156,088	139,058
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021</b>	10	<b>£ 181,511</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 181,511</b>	<b>£ 156,088</b>

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2020 is included as note 12 to the Financial Statements.

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2021 other than those included in the Income and Expenditure Account.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Page	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible Assets (note 8)	16	32,121	26,336
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors (note 9)	17	22,019	-
Cash at bank (note 10)	17	144,986	130,503
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year (note 11)	17	17,615	751
<b>Net current assets</b>		149,390	129,752
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		£ 181,511	£ 156,088
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted funds		-	10,000
Unrestricted funds		181,511	146,088
	9	£ 181,511	£ 156,088

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



25/10/2022

.....  
Deryn Harvey (Trustee)

.....  
Date

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) ("Charities SORP FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied the provisions set out in Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and does not include a cash flow statement.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

**Incoming resources**

Voluntary donations include donations under Gift Aid with the associated tax relief included when receivable. Interest from deposit accounts are included when receivable. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to the expenditure.

Charitable activities comprise of staff and associated costs of providing Art Therapy to Children in pursuit of the charitable objectives.

Governance costs relate to the general running of the charity, as opposed to the management functions inherent in generating funds.

**Status of funds**

The charity holds both restricted and unrestricted funds. Unrestricted are those for which trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of its objectives and the day to day operation of the charity.

Restricted funds are those which have been donated to the charity for a specific cause or purpose, whereby the donor has imposed a restriction their future use.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are within borrowings in current liabilities.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the CIO, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets and fixtures and fittings on the Bus are included at their cost value and depreciated using the straight line method over 5 years.

The Bus and integral improvements are included at their cost value had depreciated using the straight line method of 20 years.

**Taxation**

The charity is not subject to any taxes on its charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

The Covid-19 pandemic and current ongoing conflict in Ukraine have affected the global economy. Having considered the contingency plans in place and having reviewed updated cashflow forecasts, the Trustees consider the adoption of the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements continues to be appropriate.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
<b>2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS:</b>			
Individual donations		32,018	38,601
Gift aid tax relief reclaim		21,655	-
Charitable trusts		79,506	43,723
Corporate donations		77,146	12,750
Income from unrestricted donations	9	210,325	95,074
		<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2020 £</b>
National Lottery grant		-	10,000
Income from restricted donations		-	10,000
Total Income from donations		£ 210,325	£ 105,074
<b>3. INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>
Masked Fundraiser		30,018	-
Postcard Sales		-	7,324
Sale of artwork		-	1,000
	9	£ 30,018	£ 8,324
<b>4. OTHER INCOME</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme grant		10,441	-
	9	£ 10,441	£ -

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
<b>5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Staff costs – Art as Therapy (note 6)	15	62,794	52,984
Art Materials		5,118	4,578
Contract staff – Art as Therapy		8,379	4,095
Bus interior – refit and expenses		2,069	3,363
Studio equipment		3,483	-
Other direct expenses		189	824
Food provision for attendees		994	528
Support costs		104,903	17,889
Governance costs		8,740	4,798
Total Unrestricted charitable expenditure	9	£ 196,669	£89,059
<b>Support costs</b>			
Staff costs – Charity administration (note 6)	15	63,271	15,233
Office expenses		3,362	1,670
IT Expenses		1,216	986
HR Consultant and training		1,714	-
Contract staff - Charity administration fees		35,340	-
Total support costs		104,903	17,889
<b>Governance costs:</b>			
Depreciation (note 8)	16	4,004	3,343
Payroll & accounting software fees		4,287	827
Insurance		449	628
Total governance costs		8,740	4,798
		<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2020 £</b>
Art Materials – Art in a box		10,000	-
Total Restricted charitable expenditure	9	£ 10,000	£-

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<b>6. STAFF COSTS:</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>
Gross Salaries		121,758	66,592
Employers National Insurance contribution		2,939	-
Employers Pension contribution		1,368	1,625
	14	<u>£ 126,065</u>	<u>£ 68,217</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 7 (2020: 5). No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year. (2020: nil).

The Trustees consider themselves key management personnel and received no remuneration during the year. (2020: nil).

<b>7. RAISING FUNDS:</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>
Masked Fundraiser		11,957	-
Fundraising consultant and general expenses		6,177	6,462
Marketing and advertising		486	1,092
Bank charges on receiving donations		82	114
	9	<u>£ 18,702</u>	<u>£ 7,668</u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Page	Bus 2021 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2021 £	Office Equipment 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January 2021		17,710	8,644	3,646	30,000
Additions		8,649	-	1,140	9,789
Balance at 31 December 2021		26,359	8,644	4,786	39,789
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January 2021		886	1,729	1,049	3,664
Charge for the year	14	1,318	1,729	957	4,004
Balance at 31 December 2021		2,204	3,458	2,006	7,668
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2021</b>	10	£ 24,155	£ 5,186	£ 2,780	£ 32,121

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Bus 2020 £	Bus Fixtures and Fittings 2020 £	Office Equipment 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Fixed assets at cost</b>					
Balance at 1 January 2020		-	-	1,607	1,607
Additions		17,710	8,644	2,039	28,393
Balance at 31 December 2020		17,710	8,644	3,646	30,000
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January 2020		-	-	321	321
Charge for the year	14	886	1,729	728	3,343
Balance at 31 December 2020		886	1,729	1,049	3,664

Bus Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment are depreciated over a five year period using the straight line method.

The trustees have determined the useful life of the Bus and the internal improvements to be twenty years and will be depreciated over that period using the straight line method.

The fixed assets are still being used by the charity.

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	Page	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
<b>9. DEBTORS</b>			
Accounts Receivable		21,000	-
Prepayments		1,019	-
	10	£ 22,019	£ -
		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>
<b>10. CASH AT BANK</b>			
Santander Deposit account		90,755	90,745
Santander Current account		52,855	29,660
PayPal account		1,376	98
	10	£ 144,986	£ 120,503
		<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2020 £</b>
Santander Deposit account		-	10,000
		£ -	£ 10,000
<b>11. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Pensions payable		1,134	710
Accounts payable		16,481	41
	10	£ 17,615	£ 751

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**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

During the year to 31 December 2021 a trustee donated £15,000 to the charity (2020: two donations from a trustee totalling £11,000).

No trustees incurred or received reimbursement for expenditure during the year. (2020: nil).

**12. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2020</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	95,074	10,000	105,074
Fundraising	8,324	-	8,324
Investments	359	-	359
<b>Total income</b>	103,757	10,000	113,575
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	89,059	-	89,059
Raising funds	7,668	-	7,668
<b>Total expenditure</b>	96,727	-	96,727
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	7,030	10,000	17,030
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020	139,058	-	139,058
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020</b>	£ 146,088	£ 10,000	£ 156,088