



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



Registered Charity No: 1181294

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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, 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 0AY

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

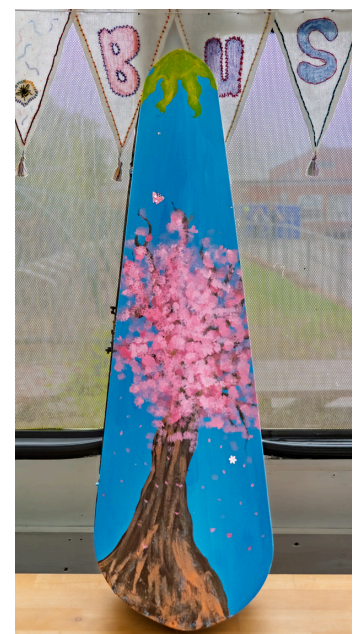
"AT The Bus calms me down."

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

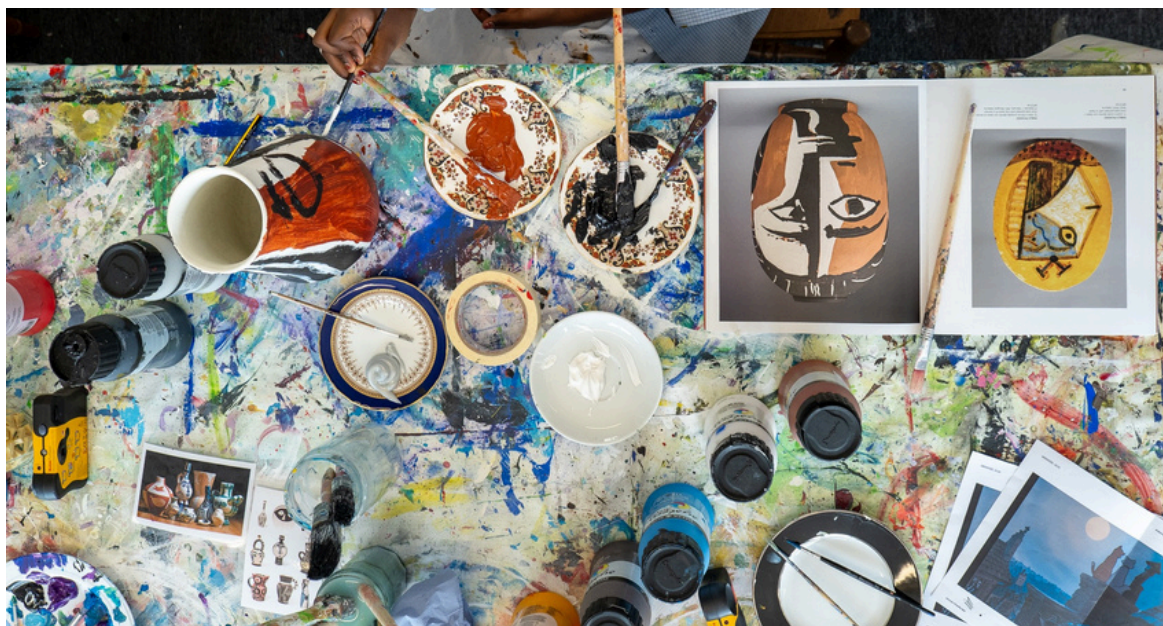
Our vision is to support the education and wellbeing of every child and young person so that they can engage in school and access the opportunities they deserve. We do this by:

- 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)



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.

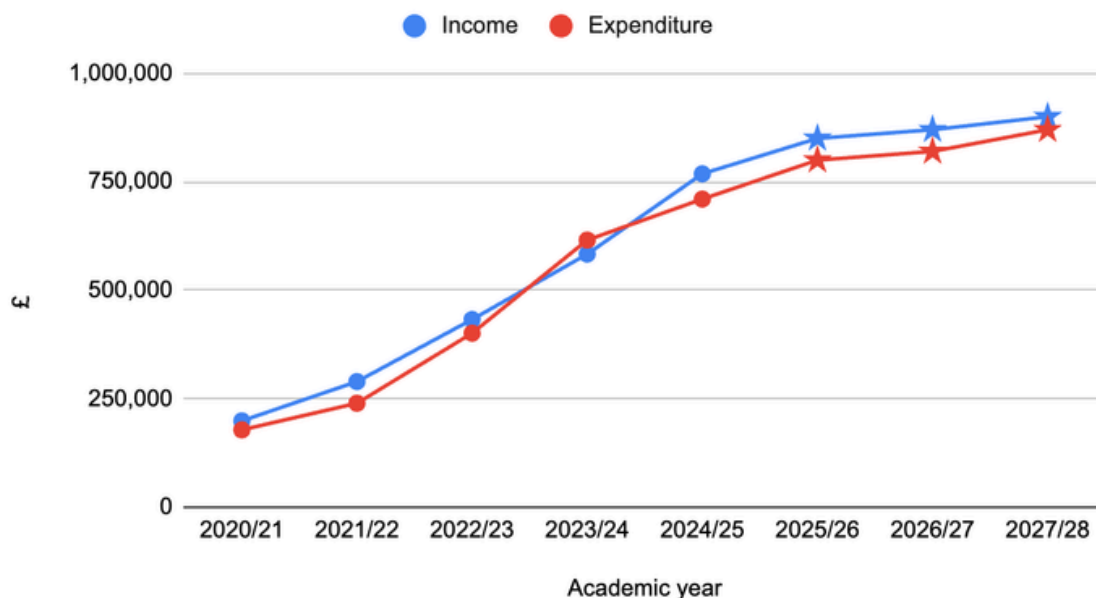
"Wow! This feels really relaxing...do you have magic paint here?"

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 and via our team who are contactable on 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
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Notes						
Income from:							
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
Total income		<u>510,532</u>	<u>278,394</u>	<u>788,926</u>	<u>282,304</u>	<u>301,035</u>	<u>583,339</u>
Expenditure on:							
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
Total expenditure		<u>440,161</u>	<u>277,302</u>	<u>717,463</u>	<u>276,173</u>	<u>339,398</u>	<u>615,571</u>
Net income / -expenditure		70,371	1,092	71,463	6,131	- 38,363	- 32,232
Transfers between funds		- 16,293	16,293	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>54,078</u>	<u>17,385</u>	<u>71,463</u>	<u>6,131</u>	<u>- 38,363</u>	<u>- 32,232</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forwards		180,815	2,984	183,799	174,684	41,347	216,031
Total funds carried forward		<u>234,893</u>	<u>20,369</u>	<u>255,262</u>	<u>180,815</u>	<u>2,984</u>	<u>183,799</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				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	10		24,631		24,340
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	18,000		9,238	
Cash at bank		234,107		182,427	
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		252,107		191,665	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	21,476		32,206	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			230,631		159,459
NET ASSETS			<hr/>		<hr/>
			255,262		183,799
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FUNDS					
INCOME FUNDS					
Unrestricted Income funds	13		228,850		180,815
Designated income funds	13		6,255		-
Restricted Income funds	14		20,157		2,984
TOTAL INCOME FUNDS			<hr/>		<hr/>
			255,262		183,799
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and were signed on their behalf by:



Trustee: Deryn Harvey

Date: 28th April 2026

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes		
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

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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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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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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
Total Donations	<u>301,424</u>	<u>278,394</u>	<u>579,818</u>	<u>92,925</u>	<u>301,035</u>	<u>393,960</u>

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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Charitable activities	<u>206,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206,195</u>	<u>188,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,341</u>

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
	<u>34,271</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>34,479</u>	<u>15,137</u>	<u>34,412</u>	<u>49,549</u>

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6. Expenditure on Charitable activities

Service delivery	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
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
Total on service delivery activities	284,813	185,684	470,497	121,906	210,064	278,444

Support costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
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
Total support activities	98,062	89,647	187,709	142,958	108,895	251,853

Governance	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Fund 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
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
Total governance activities	23,015	1,763	24,778	3,181	10,431	13,612
Total charitable activities	405,890	277,094	682,984	261,036	304,986	566,022

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8. Net outgoing/incoming resources for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	-	-
Depreciation	3,816	3,181
	<u>3,816</u>	<u>3,181</u>

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
	<u>486,928</u>	<u>371,593</u>

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
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 September 2024	9,543	26,359	6,431	42,333
Additions	-	-	4,207	4,207
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	<u>9,543</u>	<u>26,359</u>	<u>10,638</u>	<u>46,540</u>
DEPRECIATION				
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	<u>- 9,185</u>	<u>- 6,158</u>	<u>- 6,566</u>	<u>- 21,909</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2025	<u>358</u>	<u>20,201</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>24,631</u>
At 1 September 2024	<u>1,630</u>	<u>21,080</u>	<u>1,630</u>	<u>24,340</u>

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11. Debtors

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

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
	<u>21,476</u>	<u>32,206</u>

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
	<u>180,815</u>	<u>510,532</u>	<u>- 440,161</u>	<u>- 16,293</u>	<u>234,893</u>

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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		-	-
Total restricted funds	2,984	278,394	- 277,302	-	16,293	20,369

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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

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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
	<u>234,893</u>	<u>20,369</u>	<u>255,262</u>

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
	<u>52,974</u>	<u>- 2,776</u>