



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6 Apr 2024 Period start date

To 5 Apr 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Autism Bucks

Charity registration number: 1182603

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve the needs of people who are on the autistic spectrum, their parents, families and carers in Buckinghamshire
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1. The provision and management of a website to provide advice, guidance, support and information to those affected by autism 2. Providing support, education and practical advice and recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life and which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities 3. Advancing the education of the public in autistic spectrum conditions, in particular among those who work with people who have autistic spectrum conditions.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising their duties. The trustees regularly review the charity's activities to ensure they meet the public benefit requirements and are aligned with the charity's objectives.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Autism Bucks thrives thanks to the dedication of its volunteers, who play a crucial role in assisting the trustees in achieving our core objectives. They contribute by helping facilitate member social groups, supporting fundraising efforts, and managing some of our social media platforms.
Other		n/a

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Autism Bucks membership reached 357 by end March 2024 – a rise of 32% over the previous reporting year.</p> <p>In FY23-24, Autism Bucks held 11 Zoom meetings and 8 face-to-face meetings for its members.</p> <p>The following guest speakers were invited to speak to the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess Hendrickx (twice) – Therapist – Relationships/Eating • Mark Russell – Age UK • Lii Brooke – Autism Therapist • Emily Toettcher – National Paralympic Heritage Trust • David Gray-Hammond – Autistic author • Mary Mobbs-Beal – The Theatre Shed <p>Two special Zoom events were run specifically for Parent-members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Behaviour as communication” • “Personal Experience of SEND and Applying for Education, Health, Care Plans (EHCP)” <p>On top of this there were 8 other social events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to National Film & Sci-Fi Museum • Boat Trip on Grand Union Canal • Model railway visit • Pottery class

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Animal Antiks • Go-karting & Bowling • Xmas party <p>Trustees and representative members represented Autism Bucks at the following external events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local council Volunteer Fair • Oliver McGowan Co-ordinator Training • Amersham & Villages Volunteer Recruitment Fair • Bucks New University Wellbeing Fair (twice) • Bucks Council Autism Strategy & Action Plan Workshop • MacIntyre Charity – “Meet & Mingle Coffee Morning” • Bucks Council – “Autism Champions” <p>The Autism, Bucks YouTube Channel now has interviews with 4 AB members.</p> <p>Over the period FY2024-25 Autism Bucks responded to 80 web queries from concerned individuals and organisations.</p> <p>Our Social Media Channels reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook followers: 1,358 • LinkedIn Followers: 91 • Twitter (“X”) followers: 2,402 • YouTube followers: 102 • YouTube total views: 4,803.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Autism Bucks ended the FY in a strong financial position, with income of £6,500 exceeding our outgoings of £4,100. This left a closing balance of £11,540, well ahead of our planned reserves. This was primarily due to donations which exceeded the budget forecast by £900, and fund-raising that exceeded budget by £2,680.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the practice of the charity to hold sufficient reserves to cover operational costs for a minimum of 6 months. This is to provide a level of resilience against the possibility of unforeseen expense, to protect against loss of external sponsorship, and to provide funds to enable us to take advantage of opportunities that might arise.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Whistl - £2,030 Rothschild Trust - £2,000 Amersham Xmas Market - £890 Vale Lottery - £370 Akeley Woods School - £120 Caroline Bauers - £120
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of the key trustees that are important to our ability to deliver the core charity operation (Chair, Treasurer) and its key operational activities (Member social groups). • Loss of main sponsorship funding sources. • Loss of support from volunteers. • Loss or corruption of IT such as our website. • Major hit on reputation for whatever reason. • Competition from other autism charities in Buckinghamshire,

		<p>who might compete for funding, members etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition from larger autism charities in neighbouring counties that are well established and might chose to expand their territory.
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO - ASSOCIATION Registered 22 Mar 2019
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Autism Bucks is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the association model and registered on 22 March 2019. It is governed by a constitution that establishes its objects and powers and member voting rights. In the event of the CIO being wound up members have no liability.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Candidate Trustees are subject to interview by one, preferably two existing trustees in the first instance and appointment on their recommendation subsequently ratified by vote by all trustees at a board meeting. Applicants are also required to provide two character references.</p> <p>Confirmation of appointment made when the candidate attends their first board meeting.</p> <p>All trustees subject to a current DBS check being established.</p> <p>Appointment to key role such as treasurer or secretary by similar voting process.</p> <p>Board meetings are held at least once every 6 weeks throughout the year.</p> <p>All trustees invited to stand for a further year at the AGM and these appointments confirmed by vote that includes voting by the members present.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Autism Bucks Trustee Roles and Responsibilities Handbook v2.0
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		n/a

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Autism Bucks
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182603
Charity's principal address	50 Somerset Way, Iver Bucks SL0 9AF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Neil Cary	Chair		
2	Paula Strawbridge	Secretary		
3	Paulette Hunn	Treasurer		
4	Laura Lynn Hobbs		Resigned 15 Jan 2025	
5	Martin Richard Hollett			
6	Samantha Dawn Hinson			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a


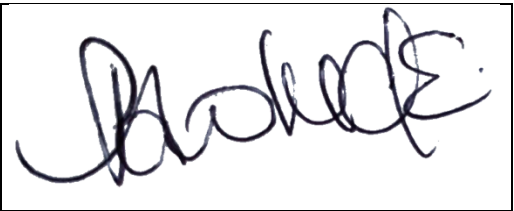
Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert Neil Cary	Paula Strawbridge
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	25 July 2025	25 July 2025

Autism Bucks

Independent Examiners Report
For the Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1182603 registered 22nd
March 2019

06 April 2024 – 05 April 2025

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Activities

AUTISM BUCKS aims to raise awareness and provide information of services that may improve community access for those experiencing autism in Buckinghamshire.

Objectives:

To relieve the needs of people who are on the autistic spectrum, their parents, families and carers in Buckinghamshire in particular but not exclusively by:

1. The provision and management of a website to provide guidance, support and information to those affected by autism.
2. Providing support, education and practical advice and recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life and which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities.
3. Advancing the education of the public in autistic spectrum conditions, in particular among those who work with people who have autistic spectrum conditions.

Trustees at 5th April 2025:

Neil Cary (Chairperson)

Samantha Dawn Hinson

Martin Richard Hollett

Paulette Hunn (Treasurer)

Paula Strawbridge (Secretary)

Autism Bucks (CIO 1182603 registered 22nd March 2019, CEO16921)

Financial period: 6/4/2024 to 5/4/2025

		2024/25	2023/24
		£	£
Opening Bank Balance		9,145	9,016
Income			
Donations		1,023	614
FundRaisingPassive	Amazon Smile		56
	Vale Lottery	370	298
FundRaisingActive	Autism Bucks Events	121	591
	External Events	890	597
	March in March		259
	Santa Float Collection	0	150
	Other	2,105	58
Grants		2,000	200
Merchandise Sales			79
		6,510	2,902
Expenditure			
Gifts		181	29
Insurance		309	299
ITandSocial Media	Domain Names	59	59
	Website Hosting	42	42
	Zoom	78	72
Marketing	Marketing	258	254
MembersMeetings	Activities	1,357	654
	Catering	888	968
	Transport	34	15
	Venues	304	165
MerchandiseCosts	MerchandiseCosts		91
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	Presenter Fees	370	125
Sundry	Sundry	206	0
		4,109	2,773
Closing Bank Balance		11,546	9,145

Fund Balances at close		Balance
UR	Operations	11,546
RF5	Bucks CC - Awareness Project 2	0
RF6	Rothschilds – Member Meetings	0
Total		11,546

Autism Bucks (CIO 1182603 registered 22nd March 2019, CEO16921)

Financial period: 6/4/2024 to 5/4/2025

Balance Sheet

As at 5th April 2025

05/04/2025

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Cash at bank and in hand	11,546
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Net Current Assets

Total Assets	11,546
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Represented by

General Funds	11,546
Restricted Funds	0

Total Funds	11,546
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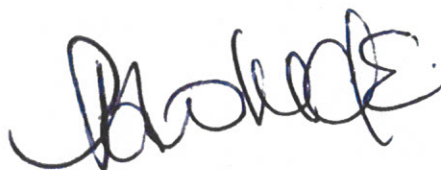
Approved by the Board of Trustees 17 July 2025 and signed on its behalf:

(Chairperson)



Neil Cary

(Secretary)



Paula Strawbridge

Autism Bucks 2024 / 2025 Actual Income and Expenditure

	A	B	C	D	F	G	H	I	J
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3			Start Date:	06-Apr-24					
4			End Date:	05-Apr-25					
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74	67	01-Oct-24	Income	€ 20.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 9,650.27
75	68	01-Oct-24	Income	€ 14.41	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 9,664.68
76	69	03-Oct-24	Outgoing	€ 29.50	Unrestricted	Gifts		€ 9,635.18
77	70	03-Oct-24	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 9,645.18
78	71	14-Oct-24	Income	€ 10.14	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Collecting Tins	€ 9,655.32
79	72	15-Oct-24	Income	€ 42.00	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Vale Lottery	€ 9,697.32
80	73	23-Oct-24	Income	€ 286.16	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 9,983.48
81	74	23-Oct-24	Outgoing	€ 21.42	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 9,962.06
82	75	28-Oct-24	Income	€ 118.58	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 10,080.64
83	76	04-Nov-24	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 10,090.64
84	77	05-Nov-24	Income	€ 33.50	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Vale Lottery	€ 10,124.14
85	78	05-Nov-24	Outgoing	€ 20.00	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 10,104.14
86	79	08-Nov-24	Outgoing	€ 2.75	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 10,101.39
87	80	08-Nov-24	Outgoing	€ 6.60	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 10,094.79
88	81	08-Nov-24	Outgoing	€ 10.05	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 10,084.74
89	82	26-Nov-24	Income	€ 100.44	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 10,185.18
90	83	27-Nov-24	Income	€ 2.95	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 10,188.13
91	84	27-Nov-24	Outgoing	€ 44.69	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 10,143.44
92	85	30-Nov-24	Income	€ 21.45	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Collecting Tins	€ 10,164.89
93	86	30-Nov-24	Outgoing	€ 29.70	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 10,135.19
94	87	02-Dec-24	Income	€ 296.90	Unrestricted	FundRaisingActive	External Events	€ 10,432.09
95	88	03-Dec-24	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 10,442.09
96	89	03-Dec-24	Income	€ 33.00	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Vale Lottery	€ 10,475.09
97	90	03-Dec-24	Income	€ 890.00	Unrestricted	FundRaisingActive	External Events	€ 11,365.09
98	91	03-Dec-24	Income	-€ 296.90	Unrestricted	FundRaisingActive	External Events	€ 11,068.19
99	92	03-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 195.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 10,873.19
100	93	06-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 5.00	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 10,868.19
101	94	06-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 41.48	Unrestricted	Gifts		€ 10,826.71
102	95	11-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 127.40	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 10,699.31
103	96	12-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 16.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Transport	€ 10,683.31
104	97	12-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 44.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Venues	€ 10,639.31
105	98	12-Dec-24	Outgoing	-€ 16.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Transport	€ 10,655.31
106	99	13-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 85.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Venues	€ 10,570.31
107	100	13-Dec-24	Outgoing	€ 16.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Transport	€ 10,554.31
108	101	16-Dec-24	Income	€ 245.07	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 10,799.38
109	102	23-Dec-24	Income	€ 400.83	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 11,200.21
110	103	03-Jan-25	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 11,210.21
111	104	07-Jan-25	Income	€ 50.00	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Vale Lottery	€ 11,260.21
112	105	13-Jan-25	Income	€ 979.19	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 12,239.40
113	106	22-Jan-25	Outgoing	€ 15.98	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 12,223.42
114	107	22-Jan-25	Outgoing	€ 7.55	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 12,215.87
115	108	23-Jan-25	Outgoing	€ 22.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Venues	€ 12,193.87
116	109	03-Feb-25	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 12,203.87
117	110	03-Feb-25	Income	€ 9.51	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 12,213.38
118	111	04-Feb-25	Income	€ 36.00	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Vale Lottery	€ 12,249.38
119	112	10-Feb-25	Income	€ 71.77	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Other	€ 12,321.15
120	113	12-Feb-25	Outgoing	€ 100.00	Unrestricted	Professional Services	Presenters fees	€ 12,221.15
121	114	21-Feb-25	Outgoing	€ 19.19	Unrestricted	IT and Social Media	Domain Names	€ 12,201.96
122	115	26-Feb-25	Outgoing	€ 24.04	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 12,177.92
123	116	27-Feb-25	Outgoing	€ 29.60	Unrestricted	Gifts		€ 12,148.32
124	117	03-Mar-25	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 12,158.32
125	118	03-Mar-25	Income	€ 9.51	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 12,167.83
126	119	04-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 9.50	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 12,158.33
127	120	04-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 7.60	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 12,150.73
128	121	04-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Sundry		€ 12,140.73
129	122	04-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 30.00	Unrestricted	Gifts		€ 12,110.73
130	123	05-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 22.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Venues	€ 12,088.73
131	124	11-Mar-25	Income	€ 36.50	Unrestricted	FundRaisingPassive	Vale Lottery	€ 12,125.23
132	125	12-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 379.00	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Activities	€ 11,746.23
133	126	16-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 20.00	Unrestricted	Gifts		€ 11,726.23
134	127	24-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 150.00	Unrestricted	Professional Services	Presenters fees	€ 11,576.23
135	128	25-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 23.00	Unrestricted	DBS		€ 11,553.23
136	129	26-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 20.32	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Catering	€ 11,532.91
137	130	28-Mar-25	Outgoing	€ 35.20	Unrestricted	MemberMeetings	Venues	€ 11,497.71
138	131	31-Mar-25	Income	€ 38.64	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 11,536.35
139	132	03-Apr-25	Income	€ 10.00	Unrestricted	Donations		€ 11,546.35



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Autism Bucks

On accounts for the year
ended

6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025

Charity
no (if any)

1182603

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

17/07/2025

Name:

Jonathan Bullock CGMA, ACMA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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	Chesham
	Buckinghamshire HP5 1SL

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The charity was incorporated on 22nd March 2019 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2025 have been prepared on a cash receipt/expenditure basis.

My review has included an examination of bank statements and sample invoices received and income receipts for the period 06/04/2024 to 05/04/2025. The receipt of £2,000 from Rothschild Foundation in the year was confirmed to the grant agreement (awarded May 2024), and is the second instalment to be received.

A review was also made of the transactions of April and May after the period end date.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the guidance issued in the revised Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting by Charities, issued in January 2015 ("The Charities SORP FRS102").