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Company number: 09964451
(England and Wales)

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

Report of the Directors and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

Report of the Directors

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Directors have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Chair's report

The Children's Football Alliance was launched in 2010 and is a coalition of agencies and organisations that safeguard and advance the rights of children in football.

We work tirelessly to better children's lives and our extended children's focused organisations form a vital network of partnerships sharing best practice in all stages of childhood. The CFA will be accessible to all communities seeking advice on the children's game.

The CFA delivers around three to four projects each year, to improve the lives and experience of children, especially the most vulnerable in all forms of football. We work with organisations from across the voluntary, statutory and private sectors through our free membership scheme, and through the sector-led specialist networks and partnership programmes that operate under our non-government organisation status.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aims of the CFA are:

- To get more children actively playing football for fun.
- To protect childhood through play.
- To be the voice for children in football and to be recognised and trusted by society for serving communities with integrity and excellence.
- To secure for them the most enjoyable, developmental and child-centred football experience when they do play.
- To create playing environments and formats which allow children to reach their full potential through football and learn about the value of social inclusion through play.
- To eliminate the factors which cause children to drop out of football.

The directors have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

To deliver these aims, in the past year, the CFA has worked on a series of programmes:

List these here, with a brief narrative

Peace Field Projects (PFP)

continue to grow, connecting a unique network of schools, clubs, teams, organisations, partners, charities, NGOs, volunteers, educationalists, facilitators, practitioners, peace makers, community leaders and everyday people, to the International Children's Football Alliance (ICFA).

The PFP twins designated areas of play with the Peace Village's Peace Pitch in Flanders, Mesen, Belgium and commemorates wars and celebrates peace in a range of countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, D R of Congo, England, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, USA, Wales.

There are further PFPs in development across: England, Croatia, Fiji, Romania, Scotland, Samoa and Tonga.

The Global Peace Games (GPGs)

Hosted at the Peace Village and facilitated by the CFA, the GPGs will be celebrating its 10th Year in 2024. The United Nations initiative annually celebrates peace on International Day of Peace 21st September. The CFA's weeklong peace education through play programme brings children from poor communities together from across Europe and the rest of the world.

The GPGs were part-funded by charity fundraising events Erasmus+, the UEFA Foundation for Children and online donors and inspired by The United Nations International Day of Peace and The First World War's Christmas Truces.

Free v Free children's football campaign

Now in its 12th year, Free v Free advocates no cost football for children. The CFA's quarterly newsletters maintain the point of information and contact for schools that wish to in engage in the event at a level that meets their needs. The games are supported in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Football Makes Our Shared History

The CFA continued its delivery of the Heritage Lottery Funded Football Makes Our Shared History project. The 2022 project was extended into June 2023 and culminated in twinning sixteen designated areas of play with Flanders Peace Pitch at The Peace Village, Mesen, Belgium: CFA Peace Field Project partners. The CFA continue to produce and distribute the free quarterly newsletter to 3090 subscribers.

The CFA continue to work closely with project partners from Belgium, England, Czech Republic and Northern Ireland. The primary focus was maintaining objectives on providing online GPGs information and updating all previous partners webpages. Moreover, maintaining good communications with former funders UEFA Foundation for Children has led to further funding the GPGs 10th Anniversary event September 2024.

Going Forward

The CFA continues to work closely with project partners from Belgium, England, the Czech Republic and Northern Ireland.

Moreover, maintaining good communications with the UEFA Foundation for Children has led to further funding the GPGs 10th Anniversary event September 2024.

The participation numbers recorded through the International Peace Fields Project, 30,000.

Impact in communities: Belgium, Czech Republic, England, India, Japan, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, U.S.A.

- Better health and well-being.
- A better understanding of the importance of sport in diverse communities
- Competencies in peace education through play
- Improved awareness of special needs and mixed abilities
- A raise in social inclusion numbers in all projects
- Stakeholder numbers continue to grow.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

The document outlines the means by which the CFA will raise funds over a 3 year period, starting 2023.

To date, such fundraising has been successful, achieving grants from the Big Lottery Fund, Erasmus +, Heritage Lottery Fund and the UEFA Foundation for Children. In terms of moving forward, the fund-raising event: This Country v Swindon Town Legends charity football match and the This Country Sponsored Walk raised the profile and added value to the organisation.

Aims

The aims of the fundraising plan are as follows:

- To secure a sustainable future for the CFA
- To maximise potential funding for each project operated by the CFA
- To secure core funding, so as to provide ongoing support for the Managing Director and any other staff
- To ensure a diversity of funders, across different types of funds
- To ensure that the organisation is not reliant on one individual funder

It should also be noted that the main aim of this plan is to improve the lives of children through sport.

Roles

The majority of the fundraising is delivered through the CFA Managing Director and it is recognised that this is one part of a wide role.

We continue to work towards a position where funds can be put identified and used to employ an experienced part-time fundraiser. The expectation is that such a role would provide a good return on investment made and go some way to achieving the overall aims of the plan.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The NCFA from 2019 operates as a charitable company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE
Charity registration number	1182641
Company registration number	09964451
Principal address	Room 178 80 Churchill Square West Malling Kent ME19 4YU

Directors

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Ernie Brennan
Mr Brendan Hanlon
Mr Paul Cooper
Mr Farrell Monk

Secretary Mr Paul Cooper

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Independent examiner

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Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by

19 April 2024

~~Mr. Brendan Hanlon~~.....

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE
Independent Examiners Report to the Directors
For the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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19 April 2024

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	17,025	13,473	30,498	84,188
Charitable activities	3	-	4,913	4,913	12,465
Total		17,025	18,386	35,411	96,653
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(3,019)	-	(3,019)	(6,190)
Charitable activities	5/6	(33,028)	(17,999)	(51,027)	(92,151)
Total		(36,047)	(17,999)	(54,046)	(98,341)
Net income/expenditure		(19,022)	387	(18,635)	(1,688)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		38,987	12,338	51,325	53,013
Total funds carried forward		19,965	12,725	32,690	51,325

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		33,260	51,895
		33,260	51,895
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(570)	(570)
Net current assets		32,690	51,325
Total assets less current liabilities		32,690	51,325
Net assets		32,690	51,325
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	13	12,725	12,338
Unrestricted income funds	13	19,965	38,987
Total funds		32,690	51,325

For the year ended 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Ernie Brennan
Director
19 April 2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	17,025	-	17,025	10,202
Grants received	-	13,473	13,473	73,986
	17,025	13,473	30,498	84,188

3. Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Restricted funds		
<i>Peace Fields Project</i>		
Income from charitable activities	4,913	12,465

4. Expenditure on generating donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Support costs	3,019	6,190
	3,019	6,190

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5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Global Peace Games	-	11,177	11,177	56,085
Peace Fields Project	-	4,573	4,573	3,038
Football Makes Our Shared History	-	2,249	2,249	-
Support costs	33,028	-	33,028	33,028
	33,028	17,999	51,027	92,151

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Global Peace Games	11,177	33,028	44,205	89,113
Peace Fields Project	4,573	-	4,573	3,038
Football Makes Our Shared History	2,249	-	2,249	-
	17,999	33,028	51,027	92,151

7. Analysis of support costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Global Peace Games		
Management	33,028	33,028
Governance costs	3,019	6,190
	36,047	39,218

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8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	-	1,055
Trustees' remuneration	33,028	33,028
	<u>33,028</u>	<u>33,028</u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2023 were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	33,028	33,028
	<u>33,028</u>	<u>33,028</u>

	2023	2022
Management	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

Remuneration of £33,028 Trustee E Brennan

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11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	37,202	46,986	84,188
Charitable activities	1,707	10,758	12,465
Total	38,909	57,744	96,653
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(33,028)	(59,123)	(92,151)
Total	(33,028)	(59,123)	(92,151)
Net income/expenditure	5,881	(1,379)	4,502
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	39,296	13,717	53,013
Total funds carried forward	45,177	12,338	57,515

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	570	570
	570	570

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/12/2023 £
<i>General</i>				
General	38,987	17,025	(36,047)	19,965
	38,987	17,025	(36,047)	19,965

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Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	39,296	38,909	(39,218)	38,987
	<u>39,296</u>	<u>38,909</u>	<u>(39,218)</u>	<u>38,987</u>

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

To protect childhood through play.

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£
FMOSH	-	6,549	(2,249)	4,300
Global Peace Games	4,618	6,924	(11,177)	365
Peace Fields Project	7,720	4,913	(4,573)	8,060
	<u>12,338</u>	<u>18,386</u>	<u>(17,999)</u>	<u>12,725</u>

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
Global Peace Games	13,717	46,986	(56,085)	4,618
Peace Fields Project	-	10,758	(3,038)	7,720
	<u>13,717</u>	<u>57,744</u>	<u>(59,123)</u>	<u>12,338</u>

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Purpose of restricted funds

Global Peace Games

To fund participation in the Global Peace Games.

Peace Fields Project

The twinning of children's designated areas of play with Flanders Peace Field, Messines, Belgium.

FMOSH

Football Makes Our Shared History: Pitch twinning project.

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	19,965	19,965
Restricted funds		
FMOSH	4,300	4,300
Global Peace Games	365	365
Peace Fields Project	8,060	8,060
	32,690	32,690
Previous year		
	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	38,987	38,987
Restricted funds		
Global Peace Games	4,618	4,618
Peace Fields Project	7,720	7,720
	51,325	51,325

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	17,025	10,202
Grants receivable	13,473	73,986
	30,498	84,188
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities (Peace Fields Project)	4,913	12,465
	4,913	12,465
Total incoming resources	35,411	96,653
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity (Global Peace Games)	(11,177)	(56,085)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Peace Fields Project)	(4,573)	(3,038)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Football Makes Our Shared History)	(2,249)	-
	(17,999)	(59,123)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management (Global Peace Games)	(33,028)	(33,028)
	(33,028)	(33,028)
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(3,019)	(6,190)
	(3,019)	(6,190)
Total resources expended	(54,046)	(98,341)
Net Expenditure	(18,635)	(1,688)