

CLUB SODA
Report of the Trustees and
UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

CLUB SODA

Company number CE017361

Registered Charity Number: **1183211**

Trustees

Sedley Wilson

Terry Andrew Smith

Yasmin Louise Clark

Chetna Kapacee

Andrew Slegg

Paul Barnard

Caroline Dodd

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Registered Address:

TURF PROJECTS,
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Trustees Report:

Club Soda is a high profile, grass-roots organisation based in the London Borough of Croydon. Our mission is to create exciting social and creative music opportunities and foster better understanding of people with learning disabilities. Founded in 2009 by members with learning disabilities, we have delivered several hundred events and reached an audience of several thousand people across London and the Southeast.

Our organisation comprises of a vibrant and dedicated pool of artists, creatives, and campaigners, who break creative boundaries and stereotypes to create a community where people with learning disabilities are happy, social, creative and valued.

Club Soda's services are co-designed by our community with staff and volunteers delivering workshops and tutorials in instrumental music, DJ'ing, song writing and performance. Artists and arts collectives are actively supported and there is opportunity for volunteering and work placements that skill-up members while also meeting a range of their social, emotional, and recreational needs.

We are grateful for the support of our funders in 2022/23, who were The National Lottery Community Fund; Arts Council England; City Bridge Trust; Postcode Society Trust; Youth Music; Jack Petchey Foundation; and The Media Trust.

IMPACT REPORT

2022/23

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HEADLINES

FOR 2022/23

45

Events
(Increase of 10 from
2021/22)

360

Workshops
(Increase of 132 from
2021/22)

66

Members
(Increase of 8 from
2021/22)

30

Volunteers
(Stayed the same as
2021/22)

17

**Gig Buddy matched
pairs**
(Increase of 3 from
2021/22)

3,502

**Instances of face-
to-face engagement**
(Increase of 1,689
from 2021/22)

1,553

Podcast listens
(Decrease of 1,552
from 2021/22)

325

**Newsletter
subscribers**
(Increase of 124 from
2021/22)

4,428

**Social media
followers**
(Increase of 463
from 2021/22)

13,722

**Likes, comments and
shares on social media**
(Increase of 451 from
2021/22)

£173,491

Money raised
(Increase of £66,175
from 2021/22)

£144,443

Money spent
(Increase of £42,779
spent from 2021/22)

LIVE EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



SoDaDa event at Funhouse



Media Team workshop

"We are delighted to host Club Soda at Stanley Arts. Their dynamic and fun events bring a truly diverse audience into our venue. As a new NPO they are a key partner for us as we strive to deliver on all of Arts Council England's Lets Create strategies." Dan Winder, Stanley Arts

"Both my wife and I have been blown away by the stuff you guys do, it has genuinely changed his life in the last couple of years." Parent of a participant

Achievements

- Partnered with Croydon College to develop a new Media Team
- Two media appearances on BBC London News and BBC Radio London
- Took part on the Media Trust 'Stronger Voices' programme
- Won a London Faith & Community Award as well as £500
- Funding awards from Youth Music for new music by Theophilus and Manoj
- Funding from ACE, City Bridge, National Lottery, Postcode Society and Jack Petchey



The Carbonators

GIG BUDDIES

GIGBUDDIES
CROYDON



Gig buddies enjoying a bowling social



Gig buddies on their way to a gig in London

"It's like joining in with new friends and new people. Some of us know each other, some of us don't. The more we get to know each other the more we get to socialise and have fun. That is what it is about." Gig Buddies participant

"There's always a sense of connection and community in the room and feeling that connection to Croydon." Gig Buddies volunteer

Achievements

- Secured funding for the next three years of Gig Buddies
- Hired a Project Coordinator and a new Project Assistant who has a learning disability, so the project now has three paid members of staff
- Held 26 social events with 368 attendees across the year
- We ran our biggest social event to date in collaboration with Comedy Lounge and had 38 people attend
- Approached by Brockwell Live festivals producer to become a charity partner



Gig buddy Chris on the dance floor at a Club Soda event

LEISURE LINK



Sedley (member) and Rachael (Leisure Link Manager) receiving an award for the work Club Soda do



Loraine (Leisure Link Assistant) distributing magazines to venues in Croydon

"Attendance at Leisure Link socials has grown consistently since meeting up in person. I love how the group connect and share their personal experiences with each other. It really empowers the group." Rachael, Leisure Link Project Manager

"I really like coming to the socials it's such a good vibe." Barat, Leisure Linker

Achievements

- Held **12** socials in Croydon venues
- Created **12 digital newsletters** and **6 printed magazines**, all co-produced by our members
- More than doubled the number of printed copies of the Leisure Link magazine from **150 to 400** to deal with the increased demand
- Recorded **6 podcast episodes** holding up the mic to some of Croydon's best artists, performers and musicians with learning disabilities
- Employed **1** Project Assistant with a learning disability to join our team



Leisure Link members celebrating together at one of the monthly socials

PLANS & TARGETS

FOR 2023/24

Match

10 new pairs of Gig Buddies

Reach

400 subscribers for our
Leisure Link newsletter

Deliver

13 events as part of London
Borough of Culture 2023

Create

a Manifesto of our Creative Practice

Secure

ACE funding for our artists development
and digital content creation

Launch

a Tik Tok Channel led by our Media Team

Financial Review

a. Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

Reserves comprise of £47,567 of Restricted Funds and £13,360 of Unrestricted Funds. It is the policy of the charity to keep a minimum of £12,000 in reserves in case the charity is forced to close. This sum represents the grand total of 2 month's salary for all staff working for the charity.

c. Current Year Results

The total Income for the year was £173,491. Consisting of £8,416 Unrestricted and £165,075 Restricted.

The total Expenses for the year were £144,443.

Structure, Governance and management

a. Constitution

The company registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with registered charity number 1183211

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

c. Organisational Structure and decision making

The Chair of the board continues to successfully lead the company.

d. Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate all exposure to the major risks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

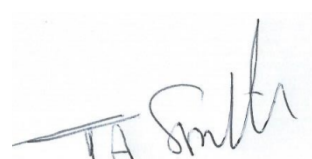
Company law requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the 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;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

No Funds are held by a custodian Trustee

This report was approved by the Trustees on 18/07/2023 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'TA Smith', is written over a light blue rectangular stamp.

Chair: Terry Andrew Smith

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Club Soda for the year ended 31st March 2023

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you 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 as 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 examiner's 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:

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 accounting 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 Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)

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.



Jon Chartres
71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 8JQ

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies					
Grants Received - Restricted	2	-	165,075	165,075	102,882
Membership fees		2,074	-	2,074	800
Donations		1,470	-	1,470	2,089
Donations - Restricted		-	-	-	-
Fees income from School - Restricted		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	-	-	-	-
Other Trading Activities	4	4,872	-	4,872	1,545
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total Income		8,416	165,075	173,491	107,316
Expenditure on:	5	-	-144,443	-144,443	-101,664
Charitable Activities					
Total Expenditure		-	-144,443	-144,443	-101,664
Net Income		8,416	20,632	29,048	5,651
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds		8,416	20,632	29,048	5,651
Fund Balance at 31st March 2022		-	-	31,880	26,229
Fund Balance at 31st March 2023		8,416	20,632	60,928	31,880

All disclosures relate only to continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net incoming resources for the year

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	-	-
Cash on Short Term Deposit at Bank	60,928	31,880
	60,928	31,880
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	60,928	31,880
	60,928	31,880
Provisions for Liabilities	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS	60,928	31,880
Charity Funds		
Restricted Funds	47,567	23,034
Unrestricted Funds	13,360	8,845
TOTAL FUNDS	60,927	31,880

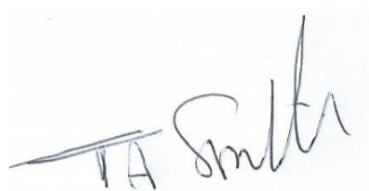
For the year ended 31 March the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/09//2021 and were signed on their behalf by



Chair _____

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Company information

Club Soda is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales.

The registered office is Turf Projects, Units 46-47, Trinity Court (Ground Floor), Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, CR0 1UQ

1.1 Accounting convention

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), published in September 2015. The Charitable Company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going Concern Basis

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you were:

- The Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- The Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Support costs are allocated on a percentage basis as detailed in note 8.

1.5 Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation,

1.9 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants Received - Restricted	-	165,075	165,075	102,882
Membership fees	2,074	-	2,074	800
Total Grants	2,074	165,075	167,149	103,682
Donations	1,470	-	1,470	2,089
Donations - Restricted	-	-	-	-
Total Donations	1,470	-	1,470	2,089
Total Donations and Legacies	3,544	165,075	168,619	105,770
Total 2022	2,889	102,882	105,771	

3. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

4. Income from other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Other Trading Activities	4,872	-	4,872	1,545
	4,872	-	4,872	2,200

5. Analysis of Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Production	-	144,443	144,443	101,664
Administration	-	-	-	-
	-	144,443	144,443	101,664

6. Direct Costs

	Production	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Direct Expenses	774	774	2,306
Direct Wages	63,807	63,807	87,381
Equipment	9,319	9,319	3,383
Advertising & Marketing	1,220	1,220	380
	75,119	75,119	93,450

7. Support Costs

	Administration	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Audit & Accountancy fees	544	544	774
General Expenses	3284	3284	20
Insurance	574	574	640
IT Software and Consumables	1316	1316	425
Payroll Costs	57335	57335	1045
Pensions Costs		0	589
Rent	2565	2565	11
Staff Training		0	3168
Telephone & Internet	481	481	398
Travel - National	440	440	110
Venue hire	2784	2784	1035
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	69324	69324	8214

8. Staff costs

Staff Costs were as follows

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Wages and Salaries	121,142	87,381
Social Security Costs	-	-
Other Pension costs	-	-
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	121,142	96,302

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows :

	2023 NO.	2022 NO.
Direct Charitable Work	1	1
Administration	1	1
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	2	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year

9. Statement of Funds – current year

	Balance at 01/04/2022	Income	Expenditure	Additions	Transfers in/out	Balance at 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds						
Designated Minimum Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Funds						
General Funds	8,845	6,322	-1,807	-	-	13,360
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8,845	6,322	-1,807	-	-	13,360
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds	8,845	6,322	-1,807	-	-	13,360
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds						
Youth Music Soda Jam	22,938	21,036	-21,027	-	-	22,947
CRF	96	2,896	-2,325	-	-	668
Gig Buddies Croydon	0	73,719	-56,271	-	-	17,448
Soda Beat (JP/Arnold Clark/Big Locs)	-0	-	-	-	-	-0
ACE	-	27,807	-27,782	-	-	25
City Bridge	-	10,585	-10,481	-	-	104
Jack Petchey	-	7,316	-7,303	-	-	13
Postcode Society	-	23,810	-17,446	-	-	6,364
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	23,034	167,168	-142,636	-	-	47,567
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total of Funds	31,880	173,491	-144,443	-	-	60,927