

Charity number: 1183671

Company number: CE017677

(England and Wales)

The Parenting Circle

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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The Parenting Circle  
Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees 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).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

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

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Achievements against objectives**

The Parenting Circle has developed a Parental Engagement Toolkit, currently being piloted across 17 City of London Corporation schools. The initiative includes parent support groups, parenting education and training courses, as well as both formal and informal parent networks. It also provides tailored educational resources and training materials, while encouraging, supporting, and equipping both volunteer and professional course leaders and parent mentors.

Between 2017 and 2020, the Parenting Circle piloted this work in Surrey, partnering with the Surrey Care Trust, a volunteer-training charity. Trained volunteers facilitated parenting discussion groups that complemented classes delivered by professional facilitators in children's centres.

A qualitative evaluation by Oxford University confirmed positive outcomes: the 38 parents who completed all discussion groups reported high levels of satisfaction and felt they had gained valuable learning and support.

Building on this success, several forward-thinking headteachers in East Kent and Feltham committed to introducing the Parenting Circle in their schools.

In the same year, the Parenting Circle successfully raised £10,000 to fund training across participating schools.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Significant events**

The Charity has continued to focus on schools in the poorest wards of London, Kent, and Somerset. We have a consultant outreach expert, Carly Watkins, who is introducing our peer-to-peer parenting discussions to SENDCOs: parents with SEND children feel particularly isolated and therefore may benefit from our groups.

The Board of Trustees has been strengthened by the addition of Julian Tompkins, a former teacher and now counsellor specialising in adolescent boys. The Parenting Circle delivered the commissioned Parental Engagement Toolkit to the City of London Corporation, and our founder, Cristina Odone, and Caroline Haynes, Head of Education at the Corporation, presented it to the government's cross-department Family Policy Advisory Group.

### **Going concern**

When approving the financial statements, the trustees expect that the charity has adequate resources to continue operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Charity</b>	The Parenting Circle
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1183671
<b>Company registration number</b>	CE017677
<b>Principal address</b>	37 Tetcott Road London SW10 0SB

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Report of the Trustees Continued  
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**Trustees**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Cristina Patricia Odone  
Virginia Fraser  
Angela Dickinson  
Amicia Oldfield  
Julian Tomkins  
Hilary Nicholls  
Sarah Campbell

**Independent examiners**

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Cristina Odone  
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Cristina Patricia Odone

16 September 2025

The Parenting Circle  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, 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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The Parenting Circle  
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	5,600	8,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,600</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities			
advance the education of the public in parenting and child-rearing skills		(5,984)	(8,084)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(5,984)</b>	<b>(8,084)</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<b>(384)</b>	<b>(84)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		34,117	34,201
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>33,733</b>	<b>34,117</b>

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Statement of Financial Position  
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		35,053	35,317
		<b>35,053</b>	<b>35,317</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(1,320)	(1,200)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>33,733</b>	<b>34,117</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>33,733</b>	<b>34,117</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>33,733</b>	<b>34,117</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds	7	33,733	34,117
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>33,733</b>	<b>34,117</b>

For the year ended 31 December 2024 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 trustees 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:

Cristina Odone

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Cristina Patricia Odone  
Trustee

16 September 2025

The Parenting Circle  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

**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.

The Parenting Circle 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**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Donations received	5,600	8,000
	<u>5,600</u>	<u>8,000</u>

**3. Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,320	1,200
	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,200</u>

**4. Particulars of employees**

	2024	2023
Staff	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**5. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities**

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.



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**6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,320	1,200

**Unrestricted Funds**

	Balance at 01/01/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
Donations	34,117	5,600	(5,984)	33,733
	<u>34,117</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>(5,984)</u>	<u>33,733</u>

**Unrestricted Funds - Previous year**

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
Donations	34,201	8,000	(8,084)	34,117
	<u>34,201</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>(8,084)</u>	<u>34,117</u>

**7. Movement in funds**

**Purpose of unrestricted Funds**

Donations

Donations

**8. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>General</i>		
Donations	33,733	33,733
	<u>33,733</u>	<u>33,733</u>

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**Previous year**

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets  £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>General</i>		
Donations	34,117	34,117
	<b>34,117</b>	<b>34,117</b>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENT</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	5,600	8,000
	<u>5,600</u>	<u>8,000</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>8,000</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(4,664)	(6,884)
	<u>(4,664)</u>	<u>(6,884)</u>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Governance costs	(1,320)	(1,200)
	<u>(1,320)</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>(5,984)</u>	<u>(8,084)</u>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<u><u>(384)</u></u>	<u><u>(84)</u></u>