

CHILDREN'S CHARITY MERSEYSIDE CIO - 1183756

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Children's Charity Merseyside are to improve the conditions of the life of children and young people in Merseyside and surrounding areas who are in need as a result of ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages. This will be achieved by assisting in the provision of specialist sensory or recreational equipment and the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve the conditions of their life.

We will endeavour to arrange fund raising activities including Afternoon Teas, Christmas Lunches and a Golf Day. We will also arrange a Christmas party at the Hilton Hotel with children from schools in the Merseyside area.

Achievements and Performance

With a generous donation we have been able to start our own web page to encourage families and organisations to contact us and request assistance. The website www.childrenscharitymerseyside.co.uk has also enabled us to advertise our just giving account. We also are maximising personal donations by applying Gift Aid where appropriate. The Trustees are actively seeking out deserving recipients for assistance and have contacted several local schools in order to assess their needs in these difficult times. This is proving very successful and enables the Charity to build relationships with local Schools.

We have a relationship with Our Warm Welcome in St Helens who support refugees to this area. We have been able to assist them on several occasions this year, particularly with the provision of shoes for the children.

We have funded drama workshops this year through Altru Drama Group with over 1000 children attending their workshops and pantomimes.

Our annual Carvers Lunch at the Hilton Hotel in December was again well attended and a profitable event. Our annual Golf Day at Hillside was similarly a great success with 28 teams competing for the Ian Callaghan Trophy. We received sponsorship for this event of £2,000. It is proposed that both events will be repeated in 2023. The appetite for holding Afternoon Teas has dwindled and the Trustees felt that the work involved in organising outweighed the actual profits to be made.

Once again the Christmas Party held at the Hilton Hotel was a great success with 100 children attending from schools in the Liverpool area.

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| APPEALS | | |
| 11.4.22 | 33.28 | Bike helmet for Sophie's Trike |
| 16.4.22 | 425.70 | Shoes for Asylum children in St Helens |
| 12.5.22 | 1339.00 | Trike for Sophie |
| 7.6.22 | 29.45 | Cover for Sophie's Trike |
| 28.6.22 | 1920.00 | Performances in schools by drama group Altru |
| 14.9.22 | 1000.00 | Shoes for asylum seekers in St Helens |
| 7.10.22 | 2400.00 | Christmas pantos by drama group Altru |
| 22.11.22 | 1000.00 | Donation for Christmas event – Sefton Children's Trust |
| 25.11.22 | 1000.00 | Donation to YPAS for warm clothing for teenage homeless |
| 11.2.23 | 1992.72 | Play equipment St Mary and St Thomas Primary St Helens |
| 29.3.23 | 592.99 | Ipad for Ellie who is non verbal |
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Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted funds during the accounting period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 were £58610.50 Donations amounting to £8624.80 were received, mostly sourced by Trustees and received from several of our existing sponsors.

The net result for this period was an excess of receipts over payments of £17109.79 as evidenced with the bank statement showing a balance £85910.90. We are to open a savings account with HSBC to bank any surplus funds as HSBC are now levying bank charges where the account was previously operated on a free basis. An Independent Examiners Report was conducted by Mrs Katrina Kenny who has examined the accounts and procedures and has no concerns regarding the accounts and accounting records. Statement of account exhibited and balance confirmed. See accounts and balances listed below.

Reserves Policy

The charity does not operate a Reserves Policy

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustee Board now consists of 5 Trustees who meet on a monthly basis. Lynne Corrie a former Trustee has now resigned. Full minutes are taken at meetings.

Administrative Information

An Independent Examiners Report was conducted by Mrs Katrina Kenny who has examined the accounts and procedures and has no concerns regarding the accounts and the accounting records.

The registered address and correspondence address for the Charity are: 41 Watling Way, Whiston, Prescot, Merseyside L35 7NF.

The 5 trustees who have served during this period : Jim Donaldson – Chair, Eileen Smith – Treasurer, Margaret Roberts – Secretary. Katie Dalton, Madeleine Tully – Both Trustees

Trustees Report approved and circulated 1st July 2023 – Signed on behalf of the Trustees by Eileen Smith

CHILDREN'S CHARITY MERSEYSIDE CIO - NUMBER 1183756**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1st April 2022 TO 31st MARCH 2023**

| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | DESIGNATED FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | ENDOWMENT FUNDS | TOTALS |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | | |
| Ticket sales for events | 33265.20 | | | | 33265.20 |
| Donations | 8624.80 | | | | 8624.80 |
| Auctions and Raffles | 16720.50 | | | | 16720.50 |
| Total | 58610.50 | | | | 58610.50 |
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| <u>Payments</u> | | | | | |
| Stationery/printing | 1752.45 | | | | 1752.45 |
| Bank Charges/web site | 1315.60 | | | | 1315.60 |
| Cost of events | 26699.52 | | | | 26699.52 |
| Appeals & Donations | 11733.14 | | | | 11733.14 |
| Total | 41500.71 | | | | 41500.71 |
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| <u>Excess of Receipts over</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Payments</u> | 17109.79 | | | | 17109.79 |
| Bank account 1.4.22 | 68801.11 | | | | 68801.11 |
| Bank account 31.3.22 | 85910.90 | | | | 85910.90 |
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| STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Cash Funds | Nil | | | | |
| Bank Current Account | 85910.90 | | | | 85910.90 |
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| Liabilities | Nil | | | | Nil |
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Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Children's Charity Merseyside – Charity Number 1183756

I report on the accounts for the year commencing 1st April 2022 and ending 31st March 2023 which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity

Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1st APRIL 2022 TO 31st MARCH 2023**

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Independent Examiners 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:

- * accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- * the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

Katrina Kenny

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Whiston Prescot

Merseyside L35 7NG

1st July 2023