

CHILDREN'S CHARITY MERSEYSIDE CIO - 1183756

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

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 a Christmas Lunch 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

This year has seen us change our tactics and openly seek out recipients, particularly schools, to receive our support. The Trustees have actively approached schools in the Merseyside area to offer our assistance. The Merseyside area has significant social and economic pressures with a high proportion of children in receipt of Free School Meals. Free School Meals are a general barometer of children living in an area of significant degradation. We have provided a variety of items including football kits, PE kits, playground equipment and library books. We have also provided drama group workshops supporting social and mental health issues in several schools.

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. It is proposed that both events will be repeated in 2024.

Once again the Christmas Party held at the Hilton Hotel was a great success with 100 children attending from schools in the Liverpool area. Several schools cannot attend the party due to transport difficulties so we arranged to have pantomime productions at their individual schools.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTALS
<u>Receipts</u>					
Ticket sales for events	34490.00				34490.00
Donations	3421.47				3421.47
Auctions and Raffles	16298.91				16298.91
Interest on Accounts	1147.92				1147.92
Total	00				00
<u>Payments</u>					
Stationery/printing	1382.28				1382.28
Bank Charges/ web site	168.40				168.40
Cost of events	32567.01				32567.01
Appeals/Donations	8332.35				8332.35
Total	0				0
<u>Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>	12908.26				12908.26
<u>Bank account 1.4.23</u>	85910.90				85910.90
<u>Bank account 31.3.24</u>	98819.16				98819.16
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES					
Cash Funds	Nil				
Bank Current Account	98819.16				98819.16
Liabilities	Nil				Nil

APPEALS		
18.5.23	350.00	PE Kit for 30 children at Broad Oak School, St Helens
10.6.23	487.60	Playground equipment for Broad Oak School, St Helens
23.6.23	170.00	Tickets for 10 teenagers to attend theatre performance
18.6.23	450.00	Football kits for 30 children at Kirkdale St Lawrence School
13.10.23	3300.00	Christmas pantos by drama group Altru at 4 schools
25.10.23	391.01	Playground equipment for Arnot Street School, Liverpool
22.12.23	2000.00	Children's Christmas Lunch – Sefton Children's Trust
20.3.24	600.00	30 Football kits for St Marie's School, Kirkby
"	475.00	Books for St Marie's School, Kirkby
"	108.74	Books for St Marie's School, Kirkby
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Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted funds during the accounting period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 were £55358.30. Donations amounting to £3421.47 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 £12908.26 as evidenced with the bank statements showing balances of £98819.16. 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 consists of 5 Trustees who meet on a monthly basis. Full minutes are taken at meetings.

Administrative Information

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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 29th May 2024 – Signed on behalf of the Trustees by Eileen Smith

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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 2023 and ending 31st March 2024 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 2023 TO 31st MARCH 2024**

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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

29th May 2024