

Multiple Abilities Club
(Registered charity, number 1183987)
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

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**Multiple Abilities Club
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Full name Multiple Abilities Club

Registered charity number 1183987

Principal address

45 Pool Street
Fenton
Stoke on Trent
ST4 2PB

Trustees

Bonnie Harris
Cynthia Williamson (Resigned)
Eileen Hassall (Resigned)
Lizzie Vyse (Resigned)
Lesley Davies (Resigned)
June Fee
Raza Hussein (Appointed March 2022)

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST
The Dudson Centre
Hope Street
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its trust deed adopted 20 June 2019.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

By nomination from an existing trustee. In selecting an individual regard will be taken into consideration of their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. A new trustee will be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the Trust Deed.

Aims and objectives

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society by:

- a) providing education and training including vocational and basic skills in order to prepare them for employment/work experience placements and encouraging independent living promoting personal development by the provision of vocational activities;
- b) to encourage social integration such as a choir, gardening club and other related activities for the purpose of this clause "socially excluded" means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community and in particular those people who have a disability or long-term health conditions.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

We currently run a social club twice a week for people with and without disabilities to come together as equals. This includes disco, bingo, karaoke, and theme nights regularly as well as live music and game nights, days out and holidays throughout the year. From May 2020 we will be opening a community centre, offering activities all day every and reaching out to many other groups in the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

Summary of the main achievements during the year

Due to the effects of Covid and the required Lockdown, it was necessary to shut the club and halt any works on Fenton Community Hall. As restrictions were loosened work was allowed to progress slowly in accordance with the rules, e.g. decorating and essential repairs. Meanwhile the club opened on a Tuesday evening at Packmoor Community Hall. This was a difficult time as our members are largely shielders. Many live in care homes. The policy for care homes at that time was if any client had covid the whole home isolated. Numbers were low around 40 in the beginning, mainly due to the lack of confidence in socialising again. People with learning difficulties can struggle with communication skills. We then moved to Joiners Square Community Hall which was more centrally located. We are happy to say that as time moved forwards our membership grew.

In the following year we are looking to grow the club by nurturing and helping our members to rebuild their communication and social skills in a safe environment. Then to expand their horizons by providing outings e.g. bowling and trips further afield.

We are continuing to renovate Fenton Community Hall and are committed to work with the council, with the aim of signing the lease in the near future, thus making this our Charity's home.

The charity's policy on reserves

We will not allow the bank balance to drop below £5,000 as this amount is sufficient to pay all expenses for a year without income or see us through any urgent crisis.

Management of the Charity

The trustees were contacted by the Charity Commission as they had received a complaint about the running of the MAC Club. During the accounting period in question, the club had Trustees, but was run by Carole Haw and her extended family. Their functions and duties included being signatories for funds received and spent, admin, planning and validation of accounts.

We worked with the Charity Commission on an extensive audit including interviews. We also worked with the Council, accessing and providing the receipts for the SIFT funding where there were no receipts to be found, providing acceptable documentation and photographs of other work that had been done, to the same value of the funds spent.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed J.A. [Signature] Date 9/07/24

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Multiple Abilities Club
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Multiple Abilities Club you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of Multiple Abilities Club accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Multiple Abilities Club as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed


Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Date 11/07/2024

Multiple Abilities Club
Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts					
Grants		25,000	14,725	39,725	78,848
Furlough		-	10,593	10,593	-
Subscriptions		-	-	-	22,965
Fundraising		-	-	-	1,619
Events		-	500	500	1,000
Raffle		-	-	-	-
Xmas		-	-	-	-
Donations		-	3,314	3,314	1,231
Total receipts		25,000	29,132	54,132	105,663
Payments					
Hall		-	-	-	7,477
Misc		-	221	221	677
Outings		-	-	-	-
Butlins		-	-	-	16,759
Disco		-	-	-	-
Entertainment		-	-	-	1,200
Training		-	-	-	35
Legal & Professional Fees		-	-	-	2,150
Accounting		-	450	450	2,250
Repairs & Maintenance		23,502	-	23,502	43,488
Security Services		-	-	-	3,122
Insurance		-	867	867	787
Fundraising Expenses		-	-	-	2,769
Stationary, Printing & Postage		-	-	-	385
Mobile Top-Up		-	-	-	30
Wages		-	13,449	13,449	14,704
Volunteer Expenses		-	-	-	4,264
Refreshments		-	-	-	1,766
Donations		-	-	-	3,008
Equipment		-	-	-	806
Total payments		23,502	14,987	38,489	105,677
Net receipts/(payments)		1,498	14,145	15,643	(14)
Cash funds at start of this period		31,539	(3,097)	28,442	28,456
Cash funds at end of this period		33,037	11,048	44,085	28,442

**Multiple Abilities Club
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 March 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash Assets		
Bank accounts	38,707	23,064
Cash in hand	5,135	5,135
Store credit held	243	243
	<u>44,085</u>	<u>28,442</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed J. A. Lee

Dated 9/07/24

Multiple Abilities Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due. For the purposes of understanding a statement of assets and liabilities at the year-end has been included.

2. Trustees’ remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this year.

3. Funding

During the year £25,000 (2020: £78,349) of funding was restricted with £29,132 (2020: £27,314) unrestricted.

Funds	2020	Incoming	Outgoing	
	£	Funds	Funds	2021
		£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
CIF Grant	5,681	25,000	(23,502)	7,179
Big Lottery Grant	9,001	-	-	9,001
Butlins Fund	6,187	-	-	6,187
Co-Op Fund	5,257	-	-	5,257
Fays Safe	5,413	-	-	5,413
	<u>31,539</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(23,502)</u>	<u>33,037</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	<u>(3,097)</u>	<u>29,132</u>	<u>(14,987)</u>	<u>11,048</u>
Net Total Funds	<u>28,442</u>	<u>54,132</u>	<u>(38,489)</u>	<u>44,085</u>

Purpose of funds:

Big Lottery Grant – to fund trips and pay for equipment.

CIF Grant – to purchase various computer and electronic equipment.

Butlins Fund – to fund trips.

Co-Op Fund – to pay for next year’s trip to Butlins.

Fays Safe – to pay for computer and sports equipment.

4. COVID-19 Impact

The charity is temporarily unable to function as usual due to COVID restrictions, but we believe we will bounce back quickly once the virus is under control and restrictions are lifted.