SPACE4AUTISM

England & Wales · Charity number 1189689

Details

Other names	S4A, SPACE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-05-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM AND THEIR FAMILIES PRINCIPALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE AREA OF CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY OR PARTS OF SOCIETY AS A RESULT OF ASC (AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITION) BY:(A) PROVIDING EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT AND ENABLE PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ASC TO MAXIMISE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR OFFSPRING;(B) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES AFFECTING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ASC AND THEIR FAMILIES, BOTH GENERALLY AND IN RELATION TO THEIR SOCIAL EXCLUSION;(C) PROVIDING WORKSHOPS, FORUMS, ADVOCACY AND GENERAL SUPPORT;(D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ASC AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Activities: SPACE4AUTISM IS RUN BY A QUALIFIED STAFF TEAM/ PARENTS/CARERS FOR A PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE. WE OFFER OVER 3000 ACTIVITIES PER YEAR FROM SOCIAL CLUBS TO A FULL TRAINING PROGRAMMEWE HAVE SERVICES FOR ANY AGE AND ABILITYWE OPERATE FROM OUR HQ IN MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£721,396	£561,310	£397,492	25
2024-03-31	£585,413	£579,478	£237,406	24
2023-03-31	£750,902	£582,492	£231,471	32
2022-03-31	£750,902	£489,320	£261,582	35
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pauline Girdwood	Chair	2022-09-05
Emma Jones		2024-12-03
Laura Jayne Beresford		2022-10-06
Lauren Elaine Janine Killilea		2020-05-28
Richard Brown		2025-05-19

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Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2025. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and purposes

Our mission is to promote social inclusion for the benefit of children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families principally but not exclusively within Cheshire East, who are socially excluded from society or parts of society because of ASC by:

- Providing education and information to support and enable parents of children/adults with ASC to maximise educational opportunities for their children/adults.
- Raising public awareness of the issues facing children and adults with ASC and their families, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion.
- Providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support.
- Providing recreational facilities and opportunities for children and adults with ASC and their families.

We are based within Cheshire East, but our information and educational services are for general public benefit. Therefore, our services are available to anyone able to attend our meetings or anyone that can access information on the internet.

Objectives and activities

We are an independent Cheshire based charity that provides a range of clubs, activities and services for children, young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and their families.

We began in 2005 when, as a group of parents of children with ASC, we got together to do something about the lack of support and services for families like ours. We felt isolated and excluded and feared for the future of our children.

We began meeting over a pub once a month with a handful of parents and in 2011 set up our 1st Social Skill Club for children aged 8-12yrs. In 2013 we moved to our first premises but outgrew this within 2yrs so moved again in 2015 to enable us to offer drop in sessions during the week whereby we invited professionals to come and speak to parents.

We moved to larger premises, in September 2017 due to increasing demand for our services. We now offer office and meeting room space, a sensory suite, sensory garden, art room and a community café.

Our HQ provides us with a number of rooms which means that we can run activities simultaneously and it even provides us with office space to sublet to complimentary services.
These include:
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Children and Adult Assessment and Diagnosis Team, assessing school age children and adults for ASC), Autumn Phycology and the Adult Hub which is run by CWP.

Our service:

We run a wide range of regular events, workshops and clubs for autistic children/young people, adults and their families.
From April 2024 to March 2025 we ran the following projects either face to face or online, which were accessed by over 9,000 family members.

Eight social clubs - the heart of our work, all our clubs run fortnightly for two hours giving essential respite to parent/carers- more details below.

Space for Kids & Apollo - two clubs, each accommodating ten children aged from 4 to 7 years. Activities include team games, taking turns, sharing, music and drama and sports sessions (running races, ball games, bean bag races etc.). All activities are 'child led'.

Saturday Club & Saturn Saturdays - two clubs, each for twelve children aged from 8 to 10 years. As well as providing a safe play environment, both clubs offer a program of activities designed to help children become more independent.

Space Mates & Fun Friday- two evening club for sixteen young people aged from 10 to 13 years. Fun Friday has a 'youth club' vibe and provides 'chill out time' at the end of the week, whilst offering valuable socialising opportunities. Activities include art, pottery, pool, air hockey, table tennis, music making and movie nights.

Space for You- An evening clubs for teenagers, 14 to 18 years. Providing opportunities to develop skills for independence such as relationship building and developing communication. In-house activities include games, bingo, chess, gaming, karaoke, movie nights and baking. Community activities include visiting climbing walls, bowling, BBQs, eating meals out and Laser Quest.

Galaxy Group - An evening club for up to 40 adults from 18+ years, providing a wide range of social and learning opportunities. Activities are varied and are decided by the people attending. They include Chat and Chill sessions, bingo, board games, pool, art and crafts, air hockey, karaoke, quizzes, food preparation sessions, and much more! In addition, we have interesting and educational visits from the likes of Healthwatch, Open2Autism and magicians.

School Holiday clubs - A club for the whole family, including autistic children/young people, their siblings, and parent/carers. This club often offer a variety of activities and events designed to engage and entertain family members of all ages, providing opportunities for bonding, learning, and fun experiences together during school breaks.

Educational Workshops - a wide range of workshops for parents, carers and professionals. Subjects include sensory issues, challenging behaviour and what its really like to live with ASC. We also ran workshops with Moneybox Wills and Trusts about planning ahead.

Art Sessions - We ran three art sessions per week during term time, two for adults with ASC and one for children and young people with ASC. They work with our artist using media as a mode of expression and communication.

Open Space - our 'drop in' project for autistic adults, parent/carers and professionals to drop in Mon-Thurs for advice and support.

"Space to Prosper" - For members who do not know where to turn. Our staff can make appointments with the outreach team to help with any problems and refer/signpost to the right service if necessary. The Outreach team also raise awareness in the community by attending various other services and schools.

Counselling Space for ASC Adults - A counselling service for our autistic adults which is run by counsellors who have a breadth of knowledge of ASC. These are delivered either face to face, via zoom/teams or over the telephone.

Self-Help Online Counselling Course - We developed our own self-help course with our in-house psychotherapist. The course has 7 modules and can be completed over a 12-month period with videos and worksheets for the member to work through themselves, at a pace that is right for them. This is open to any adult member.

S4A café (including sensory café area) - open five days a week to members and the public. Staffed by a highly qualified chef supported by our kitchen team along with volunteers with ASC.

Monthly Carers lunch club - groups of six attend the S4A café for a three course lunch once a month.

Training programme - a wide ranging training programme throughout Cheshire East. Includes Cygnet ASC Parenting Programme, sensory and sleep courses, autism awareness and more, all delivered by highly qualified clinicians and trainers.

0-4yrs training programme - a 6 week course for parent/carers of younger children with ASC.

Pre-School Stay and Play - A chance for parent/carers of babies and toddlers to come together for a chat whilst their children play in the sensory room. Held one morning a week during term time.

Autism Awareness Training for Professionals - training for companies and other charities delivered by one of our autistic adult members to raise awareness of what living with ASC is like.

Space4Carers - a programme of lots of activities, social opportunities, relaxation therapies, residential weekends and learning for parent/carers.

Carers Coffee, Chat and Learn Morning - for all parent/carers of people with ASC, a chance to come and talk to other services including Occupational therapists, Parent Carer Forum, Disability Information Bureau, CWP Diagnosis team, Local Area Co-Ordinator's and many more whilst having a coffee and a cake. Held once a month during term time.

Crafty Carers - run by one of our wonderful volunteers. A chance for parent/carers to come together to craft and chat held every other week during term time.

SEND advice and support 1:1 Appointments - delivered by Smart Bright Training Consultancy to parent/carers and autistic adults, to offer support and advice surrounding any issues they are having and signposting to the right services should they require more intervention.

CEAT (Cheshire East Autism Team) 1:1 Appointments - a chance to come and speak to CEAT about any school issues and for advice and support

Walking Group - a monthly walking club for our parent/carers and ASC adults, visits to Dunham Massey, Lyme Park to name but a few - with coffee and cake at the end! Supported by BlackDog Outdoors.

Campaigning - we work with our local MP and statutory services to ensure that the experiences of those that we support are represented.

Staff Team:
We now have 7 full time and 26 part-time.
Full time
- Chief Officer
- Community & Projects Manager
- Chef
- Club Manager
- Communications Officer
- Booking & Activities Co-ordinator
- Specialist outreach worker
- **Part Time**
- Booking & Activities Co-ordinator
- Kitchen technician
- Receptionist
- Data Administrator
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- 4 Revive and Strive Wellbeing Worker
- 5 Senior club support workers
- 8 Club support workers
- 2 clinical training
- 2 Caretakers

Trustees:
We were fortunate to have a total of 8 talented and committed trustees at Space4Autism. However during the year through to job relocations and retirement 4 of them stepped down. We are in the process of recruiting another 2 at the start of the next financial year. Their diverse skills and experiences are invaluable as we continue to expand our programs and support our membership. Their ongoing commitment to the organisation is seen as a significant strength, as they not only contribute professional expertise but also bring a shared history, experience, passion, and unwavering dedication to the mission of Space4Autism.

Volunteers
We welcomed 60 volunteers in 2024/25 and they contributed 3375 hours during the year, using the national living wage of £11.44 per hour as a guide, this means our volunteers gave time to the value of £38,610.00 during the year.

We are members of or affiliated with:-
Cheshire Connect (business mentors and support) Police Cohesion
Group
Community Mental Health Transformation
Open2Autism/ Macclesfield Hospital/Learning Disabilities and Autism Group Cheshire East
mental partnership board prevention sub-group
3rd sector partnership meetings
Cheshire Voluntary Service (CVS) Women's
Collaboration Group Autism Alliance UK
Community Live Well
Children and Young People Clinical Delivery Group
Clinical and practitioner network
Cheshire East Community Live well services
Cheshire East Family Hubs

We are commissioned by:
- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB)

We work closely with the following other agencies/charities
CaMHS - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service
Cheshire & Wirral partnership (CWP) autism assessment/diagnosis teams for CYP and Adults
Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS)
Just Drop In
Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust
Healthwatch
Healthbox
Family Support Workers Social
Prescribers
People Plus
Speaking Up Speaking Out House of
Healing
Peak Sleep
Harvest Fundraising
Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT)
Smart Bright training and consultancy
Disability Information Bureau
Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
Local GP surgeries
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services CE Cheshire East
Carers Hub
Circus Starr
Adult Social Care
Local Schools
Cheshire East SEND Team Safer
Opportunities
Cre8
Therapy for Teens
Autumn Psychology
Time out Group
Rubys Fund
Visyon

Purchasing locally:
We have a policy of purchasing locally whenever possible - around 30% of our annual spend goes to local suppliers.

Environmental impact
We use The Green Office Checklist - a self-evaluation tool, which helps us to assess the environmental performance of our work. The Checklist gives us clear directions for improvement. It asks questions to measure our level of "Green" performance.

It is a comprehensive checklist comprising of 65 questions relating to various environmental topics such as paper usage, energy efficiency, office supplies, general office activities, recycling, transport, Health and Safety and the process for implementation of all of our activities.

We are pleased with our progress and we will continue to use the Green Office Checklist on a regular basis to improve our performance over the coming months.

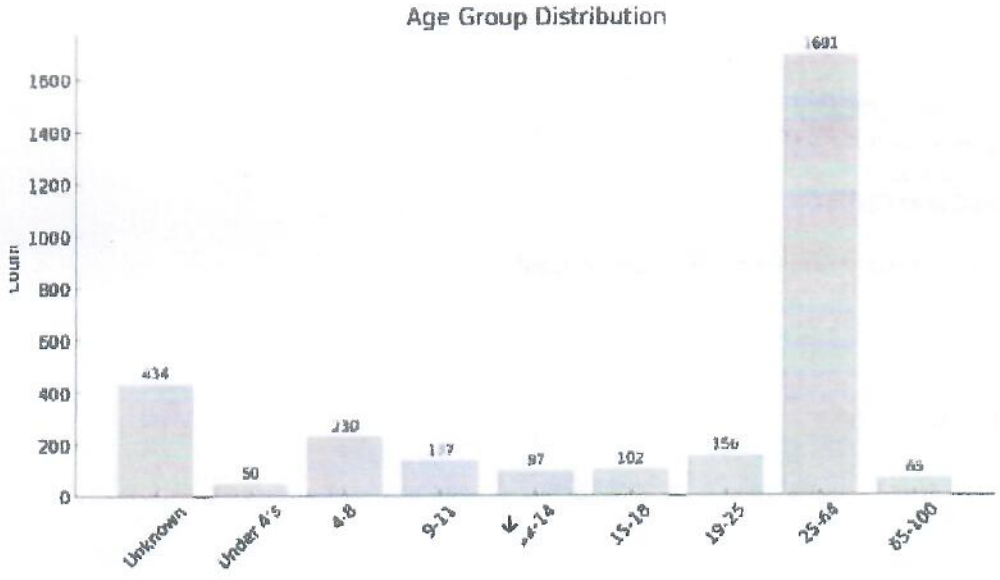
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Project Delivery

Key findings – the the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025:

In the 12 months to 31st March 2025, we welcomed 972 new members, taking our membership to 9570. An increase o almost 12% in the last 12 months.

Our membership are broken down into the following age categories



Trustees' Report (continued)

In the 12 months to 31st March 2025, we delivered 1406 individual club and activity session's providing direct support for 4123 autistic children, young people adults and their families, giving a total attendances of 15,095. In addition, we have had 19,096 individual contacts with members via face-to-face meetings, emails, letters, remotely or via our social media platforms.

We signposted 681 people to relevant support ie Cheshire East Autism Team, CWP Helpline, Social Care and other charities local to the individuals. We also provided information and support to 577 professionals and their respective organisations.

We attended 50 community events during the year including Cheshire East Family Hubs, Disability networks, various schools, NHS clinical lead groups, GP surgeries, various SMASH care community events, and careers & job fair events.

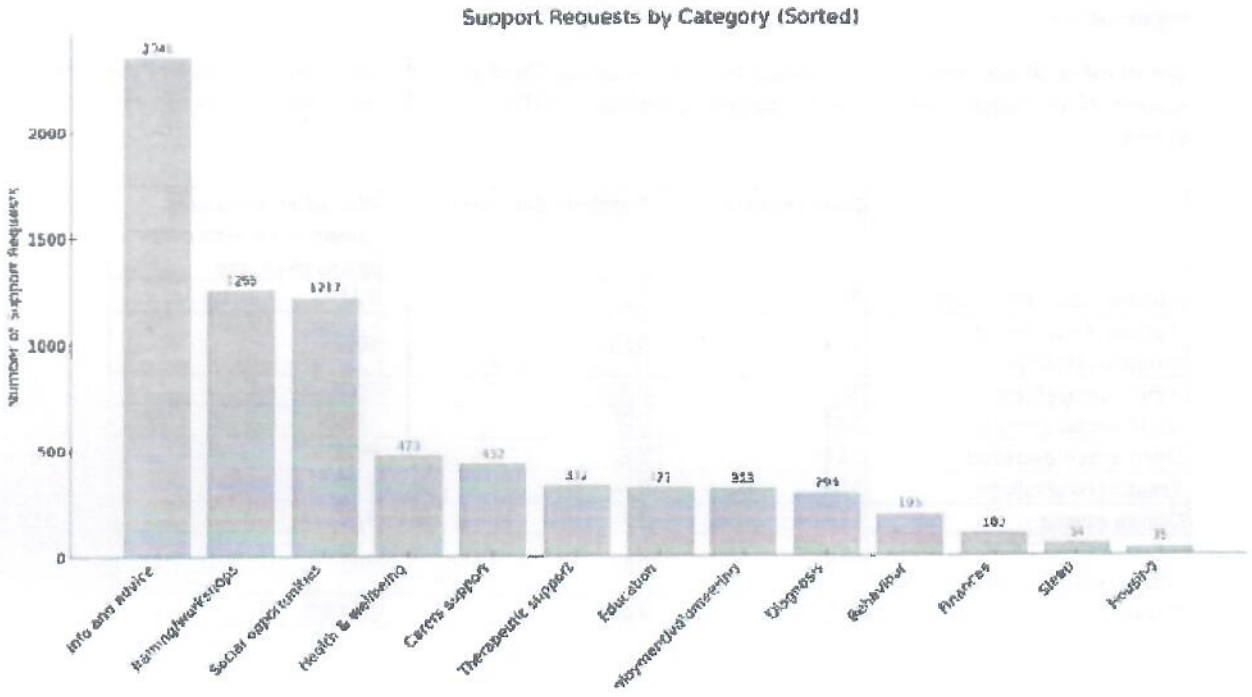
	Participants	Sessions delivered	Nos of attendances (some members come more than one
Autism Adult Hub Support	53	75	127
Autism Adult social group/workshops	123	163	963
Adult counselling	20	57	73
Child social groups	309	221	1833
Open space/outreach	1546	628	9400
Training/workshops	344	174	971
Comm events	943	50	943
Other one-off events/activities	785	38	785
Total	**4123**	**1406**	**15,095**

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Trustees' Report (continued)

During the 12 months to 31st March 2025 we delivered intensive support to our members in the following areas;

- Intensive support is when we have worked with individuals or families on one or more occasions



Staff activities:
7 staff left us during the year, and we employed 3 new staff members.

Our staff and volunteer team completed the following training:
- First Aid at work certificate delivered by Starfish Training
- GDPR training
- Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Board training sessions
- Adult Safeguarding delivered by Visyon
- Autism Awareness level 2
- Senior and support club staff training day
- Oliver McGowan online training
- My Transgender journey delivered by Gender Space
- Team building canvas training delivered by Wurkplace HR
- Epilepsy Training delivered by Macclesfield Hosptital
- Understanding PDA - delivered by Smart bright training
- Online Bullying - delivered by The Anti Bullying Alliance
- Food Allergy and Intolerance Training - delivered by Food Standards Agency
- Prevent Awareness - delivered by HM government
- Online Safety Training - Noodle Now
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder - Noodle Now
- Suicide Prevention - delivered by Papyrus
- Understanding Mental Health Needs of Autistic Teenagers - delivery by National Autistic Society

Other staff team achievements:
- S4A Cafe received 5 stars once again from the EHO
- Disability Confident employers gained once again.
- Our S4A Cafe was recommended by Restaurant Guru for the 3rd year
- We achieved Cyber Essentials certification for the 3rd year running
- Improved our social media presence

New services and activities:
- Adult Hub waiting well service in partnership with CWP
- Autistic Adult Tuesday social group
- Offered training to more schools, businesses and other services raising awareness of Autism
- Gaming Club
- Hospitality and basic cooking skills

Awards and supporter activities:

S4A Café received 5 star hygiene rates once again from the EHO.
We were delighted to have been chosen as the Charity of the Year by the Mayor of Macclesfield and Mayor of Bollington.

Trustees' Report (continued)

We would not be able to deliver our services without the support of our funders - massive 'thank you' to everyone who has supported us in 2024/25

Martyn Bracegirdle CF Baker Family CT Co-Op local community fund Arnold Clark Community Fund Sir Jules Thorn CT Felicity Wilde CT Swallow Trust Risley Medical St James's Place F UKH Foundation Pilkington Charities Fund Robert McAlpine F Dorothy Pamela Smith CIO Garfield Weston Foundation N Smith CS Peter Collins CT Wallce Bell CT The Gledswood The Lucas Harrison Trust The Nagle Family Trust The Clothworkers Foundation Medicash Foundation Cheshire Freemasons Brian Wilson CT

Rylance and Smith CT
Marsh CT
Rycroft Childrens Fund
Grant Making Charity
Edward Gostling Foundation
Marsland McAdoo CS
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust
Barnard Kenneth Hufton Charity
Evelyn May CT
N Smith CS
Lee and Bakirgian FT
Broome Family CT
Zochonis CT
Souter CT
Irving Memorial Trust
Ludlow Trust
Ludlow T
Douglas Arter CT
Barbara Wards Childrens Foundation
Boshier Hinton Foundation
Ann Rylands Trust
Access Foundation
Bain CT
Northern Rail

Other grant funders:
The National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities & Awards for All
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire East Integrated Care Board (ICB)
Macclesfield Town Council
Children in Need
Cheshire Community Foundation

Companies, Individual's and JustGiving supporters
Spinners Arms Dignity Funeral Directors
AstraZeneca Macclesfield Buttylicious Shake & Bake
Rolph & Co Photography Castle Inner Wheel of Sandbach
Inner Wheel of Macclesfield B Lewis Bridge Players
Murray Smith Resources for Business Limited
Hays Travel S4A Charity box holders S4A
Legacy Funeral Care External fundraisers Mayor of Macclesfield
Corner Macclesfield
S4A monthly donators
Matt Rigby - Rundamentalist Run Club
Mayor of Bollington

Referring partners and agencies
We are committed to partnership working, sharing knowledge and resources to support the people we serve.

External project partners:
The Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB) CaMHS - Children and Adult Mental Health Services Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT)
Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS)
Disability Information Bureau, Local Area Co-ordinator Making Space
Cheshire East Council - commissioning of Short Break Social Skills clubs for children and young people aged 5-18.
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services Cheshire East Youth
Federation
Healthwatch.
Adult Social Care.
Family Support Workers. Local Schools.
Social Prescribers.
Cheshire East SEND Team.
DWP
The Growth Company Local GP Practices
Smart Bright Training and Consultancy Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum Circus Starr
People Plus FedCap

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Financial position
As like last year 2024/25 has yet again been a very difficult year in terms of funding. However, we were able to keep the space ship flying with the wonderful support of our members, funders, grant givers and businesses.

Our donations increased from £187,547 in 2023/24 to £307,276 which is incredible in such difficult times. This was helped by our plea on BBC Northwest Tonight to raise £100k from donations which our supporters raised £116,000 in total.

Grants also increased from £228,215 in 2023/24 to £348,254 In 2024/25.

With the direction of the board of Trustees who worked tirelessly through the year as well as the wonderful staff and volunteer team. We are pleased to report that our income increased from £585,413 in 2023/24 to £721,396 in 2024/25, however, this was helped by a deed of Gift of £145,000 which is going to be invested.

Our expenditure in 2023/24 was £579,478 and in 2024/25 was £561,310.

Reserves policy
The charity will hold unrestricted general reserves that total six months running costs. These funds will be viewed as an emergency fund (i.e. loss of vital funding) and will be used only at the discretion of the Trustees. Unfortunately, at the year end this has not been met. Estimated unrestricted running costs for the 6 months are expected to be £276,000. However, free funds and designated funds are available at the balance sheet date are only £200,018.

The general reserve fund will be achieved by attracting unrestricted funds from a variety of funding streams including: Trusts; Commissioned Services and Council Funding; Companies; Trading, including café, training and consultancy; Events; Community Fundraising and Individual Donations.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Pauline Girdwood
Chair of Trustees

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
The governing document for the charity is the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) dated 18th May 2020.

Day to day operations:
Decision making, financial management and trust governance are all conducted in accordance with a fixed set of policies and guidelines.

Organisational structure
The organisational structure comprises the Board of Trustees (all volunteers with one selected as chairperson). There has to be a minimum of four Trustees but there is no maximum number.

The Trustees meet regularly during the year for full board meetings. All major policy, financial and operational decisions are decided by a majority of the Trustees. The constitution covers the structure and voting requirements.

A number of meetings, comprising a subset of Trustees, are arranged as and when necessary to discuss matters relating to specific topics.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	A Prior, (resigned May 2024) L Killilea P Girdwood, (chair as from June 2024) D Bramwell, (resigned February 2024) L Pope, (resigned) L Beresford R Brown, (appointed on May 2025) E Jones, (appointed on December 2024)
Charity Registration Number	1189689
Principal Office	15-17 Mill Lane Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7NN
Independent Examiner	Michael Senior FCA Bright Partnership Limited Suite 1 Armcon Business park London Road South Poynton Stockport Cheshire SK12 1LQ

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Girdwood.

P Girdwood
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these 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 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Girdwood

P Girdwood
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Space4Autism CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Space4Autism CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Space4Autism CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Space4Autism CIO's 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

Since Space4Autism CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Bright Partnership Limited, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Space4Autism CIO 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.

Michael Senior FCA
Bright Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisor

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Stockport
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SK12 1LQ

Date: 31/10/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		166,264	489,266	655,530	415,762
Charitable activities		-	-	-	15,105
Other trading activities		35,145	(897)	34,248	37,942
Investment income	5	4,377	18,191	22,568	51,398
Other income		2,212	6,838	9,050	65,206
Total income		207,998	513,398	721,396	585,413
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(13,730)	(1,289)	(15,019)	(15,497)
Charitable activities		(200,130)	(346,161)	(546,291)	(563,981)
Total expenditure		(213,860)	(347,450)	(561,310)	(579,478)
Net (expenditure)/income		(5,862)	165,948	160,086	5,935
Net movement in funds		(5,862)	165,948	160,086	5,935
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		141,336	96,070	237,406	231,471
Total funds carried forward	13	135,474	262,018	397,492	237,406

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1189689)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	15,863	21,252
Current assets			
Stocks	10	947	2,450
Debtors	11	2,208	15,798
Cash at bank and in hand		392,877	213,932
		396,032	232,180
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,403)	(16,026)
Net current assets		381,629	216,154
Net assets		397,492	237,406
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		262,018	96,071
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		135,474	141,335
Total funds	13	397,492	237,406

The financial statements on pages 16 to 28 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31/10/25 and signed on their behalf by:

P Girdwood
Trustee

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		160,086	8,876
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		5,629	8,416
		165,715	17,292
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease in stocks	10	1,503	-
Decrease in debtors	11	13,590	29,839
Decrease in creditors	12	(1,623)	(7,641)
Net cash flows from operating activities		179,185	39,490
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(240)	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		178,945	39,490
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		213,932	174,442
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		392,877	213,932

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Space4Autism CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Improvements to property	Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years

Stock
Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	307,276	187,547
Grants	348,254	228,215
	655,530	415,762

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Club income	-	15,105

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total funds £	Total 2024 £
Cafe income	27,997	31,815
Fundraising events	5,419	4,963
Shop income	832	1,164
	34,248	37,942

5 Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable - trading	141	319
Room hire income	22,427	51,079
	22,568	51,398

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising trading costs;			
Fundraising		15,019	15,497
		15,019	15,497

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	356,040	371,225

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Staff	25	24

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	9,110	33,592	11,040	7,284	61,026
Additions	-	240	-	-	240
At 31 March 2025	9,110	33,832	11,040	7,284	61,266
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	9,110	17,929	5,970	6,765	39,774
Charge for the year	-	3,935	1,260	434	5,629
At 31 March 2025	9,110	21,864	7,230	7,199	45,403
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	-	11,968	3,810	85	15,863
At 31 March 2024	-	15,663	5,070	519	21,252

10 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	947	2,450

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	11,898
Prepayments	2,208	3,900
	2,208	15,798

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	-	5,968
Other taxation and social security	5,595	5,078
Accruals	8,808	4,980
	14,403	16,026

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	82,526	90,833	(142,434)	30,925
Designated	58,810	117,165	(71,426)	104,549
Total unrestricted funds	141,336	207,998	(213,860)	135,474
Restricted funds	96,070	513,398	(347,450)	262,018
Total funds	237,406	721,396	(561,310)	397,492

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	82,526	90,833	(142,434)	30,925
Designated				
Lucas Harrison Trust	10,708	-	(3,446)	7,262
Swallow Trust	17,663	15,000	(9,393)	23,270
M&C Trust	3,485	-	(2,750)	735
Social Clubs	5,797	25,709	(3,650)	27,856
Kitchen Wages	5,708	-	-	5,708
Galaxy	2,150	36,854	(21,330)	17,674
S4A Cafe	6,866	30,602	(21,806)	15,662
Broome Family 2024	6,433	9,000	(9,051)	6,382
	58,810	117,165	(71,426)	104,549
Total unrestricted funds	141,336	207,998	(213,860)	135,474
Restricted funds				
Short Break	-	37,669	(34,532)	3,137
Broom family	459	-	-	459
Apollo	1,125	10,000	(8,383)	2,742
Space4Carers Awards for All	20,000	-	(16,667)	3,333
Space4Carers Hub	2,410	629	(3,936)	(897)
Sir Jules Thorn	250	-	-	250
CCF-Youth Space	5,729	249	(5,978)	-
Garfield Weston	19,675	30,000	(9,887)	39,788
Edward Gostling	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Barbara Ward	3,000	6,000	(5,978)	3,022
Clothworkers Foundation	2,100	-	-	2,100
Saturday Club	9,748	38,370	(33,121)	14,997
Health- NHS Health and Wellbeing	4,250	200	(1,200)	3,250
Space to Prosper	3,630	71,916	(60,710)	14,836
Freemansons	6,020	-	(6,000)	20
Zochonos/Souter - Kitchen salaries	-	3,292	(7,708)	(4,416)
Charles Sharland	-	-	(13,085)	(13,085)
ICB	7,674	100,833	(99,872)	8,635
Felicity Wilde Fun Friday	-	-	(500)	(500)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Don't USE - BBC	-	10,000	-	10,000
ICB ASC Adult Tues Club	-	7,942	(2,695)	5,247
ICB Counselling	-	17,654	(9,403)	8,251
ICB Drop In	-	18,925	(12,231)	6,694
ICB Walking Group	-	4,719	(2,063)	2,656
St James FF	-	10,000	(3,501)	6,499
The Edward Gostling Fund	-	145,000	-	145,000
	96,070	513,398	(347,450)	262,018
Total funds	237,406	721,396	(561,310)	397,492

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	72,701	108,552	(126,359)	27,759	82,653
Designated	89,071	95,331	(79,205)	(46,515)	58,682
Total unrestricted funds	161,772	203,883	(205,564)	(18,756)	141,335
Restricted funds	69,699	381,530	(373,914)	18,756	96,071
Total funds	231,471	585,413	(579,478)	-	237,406

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	72,701	108,552	(126,359)	27,759	82,653
Designated					
Renovation Work	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	-
Lucas Harrison Trust	7,158	15,000	(12,399)	949	10,708
Swallow Trust	12,412	10,000	(4,749)	-	17,663
M&C Trust	1,292	3,000	(807)	-	3,485
Social Clubs	22,733	15,105	(9,041)	(23,000)	5,797
Minibus	350	243	(593)	-	-
Kitchen wages	10,126	4,000	(8,417)	(1)	5,708
S4A Cafe	-	31,027	(24,212)	51	6,866
Broome Family 2024	-	7,500	(1,067)	-	6,433
Galaxy	-	9,456	(17,920)	10,486	2,022
	89,071	95,331	(79,205)	(46,515)	58,682
Total unrestricted funds	161,772	203,883	(205,564)	(18,756)	141,335
Restricted funds					
Short Break	3,078	22,980	(36,817)	10,759	-
Big Lottery	2,511	-	-	(2,511)	-
Tudor Trust	1,734	-	(1,734)	-	-
Sister Gwen Space4Art	-	828	(3,608)	2,780	-
Saturday Club	-	25,450	(19,300)	3,476	9,626
NHS England	-	-	71	(71)	-
Broom family	3,672	-	(3,212)	(1)	459
JDI Counselling	2,057	-	(2,057)	-	-
Apollo	9,708	-	(8,583)	-	1,125
Galaxy Covid Recovery	5,615	-	-	(5,615)	-
Space4Carers Awards for All	3,825	21,174	(5,000)	1	20,000
Space4Carers Hub	7,303	10,100	(15,890)	897	2,410
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	-	(13)	13	-
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	10,192	243	(10,435)	-	-
1:1	75	-	(75)	-	-
Sir Jules Thorn	1,750	-	(1,500)	-	250
Youth Space	3,379	10,414	(8,064)	-	5,729

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Garfield Weston	14,800	20,000	(15,125)	-	19,675
Edward Gostling	-	20,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
Barbara Ward	-	6,000	(2,500)	(500)	3,000
Clothworkers Foundation	-	2,100	-	-	2,100
Health- NHS Health and Wellbeing	-	18,158	(12,958)	(950)	4,250
Space to Prosper	-	80,328	(83,545)	6,847	3,630
Freemansons	-	12,020	(6,000)	-	6,020
ICB	-	110,838	(108,119)	4,955	7,674
Sat Club - Cheshire Community	-	-	-	123	123
622	-	897	-	(897)	-
Charles Sharland	-	20,000	(16,950)	(3,050)	-
	69,699	381,530	(371,414)	16,256	96,071
Total funds	231,471	585,413	(576,978)	(2,500)	237,406

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	655,530	415,762
Charitable activities (analysed below)	-	15,105
Other trading activities (analysed below)	34,248	37,942
Investment income (analysed below)	22,568	51,398
Other income (analysed below)	9,050	65,206
Total income	721,396	585,413
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(15,019)	(15,497)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(546,291)	(563,981)
Total expenditure	(561,310)	(579,478)
Net income	160,086	5,935
Net movement in funds	160,086	5,935
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	237,406	231,471
Total funds carried forward	397,492	237,406

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations	307,276	187,547
Grants	348,254	228,215
	655,530	415,762
Charitable activities		
Club income	-	15,105
	-	15,105
Other trading activities		
Cafe income	27,997	31,815
Fundraising events	5,419	4,963
Shop income	832	1,164
	34,248	37,942
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	141	319
Room hire income	22,427	51,079
	22,568	51,398
Other income		
Recharged utilities and office costs	9,050	7,632
Training income	-	57,574
	9,050	65,206
Raising funds		
Fundraising services	(15,019)	(15,497)
	(15,019)	(15,497)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Wages	(356,040)	(371,225)
Rent	(45,843)	(45,868)
Insurance	(3,166)	(3,122)
Water, electric and gas	(12,041)	(11,451)
Telephone	(1,525)	(1,402)
Printing, postage and stationery	(5,126)	(8,663)
Advertising	(625)	(64)
Sundries	(1,446)	(2,219)
Maintenance	(5,617)	(4,854)
Club running and consumables	(29,221)	(32,375)
Workshop delivery	(5,130)	(182)
Travel expenses	(1,107)	(617)
Subscriptions	(1,288)	(610)
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	(5,629)	(8,416)
Other	(1,252)	(1,106)
Social outings	(2,548)	(2,324)
Minibus expenses	(1,617)	(1,289)
Computer expenses	(7,850)	(11,969)
Clinicians fees	(19,561)	(17,784)
Accountancy	(12,448)	(10,440)
Legal fees	(5,632)	(6,610)
Professional fees	(750)	(306)
Training	(13,128)	(16,766)
HR and payroll services	(4,950)	(4,139)
Cleaning	-	(180)
Website	(1,400)	-
UK Entertainment	(1,106)	-
Motor expenses	(245)	-
	(546,291)	(563,981)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Bright Partnership Limited
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and purposes

Our mission is to promote social inclusion for the benefit of children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families principally but not exclusively within Cheshire East, who are socially excluded from society or parts of society because of ASC by:

- Providing education and information to support and enable parents of children/adults with ASC to maximise educational opportunities for their children/adults.
- Raising public awareness of the issues faced by children and adults with ASC and their families, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion.
- Providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support.
- Providing recreational facilities and opportunities for children and adults with ASC and their families.

We are based within Cheshire East, but our information and educational services are for the benefit of the general pubic. Therefore, our services are available to anyone able to attend our meetings or anyone that can access information on the internet.

Objectives and activities

We are an independent Cheshire based charity that provides a range of clubs, activities and services for children, young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and their families.

We began in 2005 when, as a group of parents of children with ASC, we got together to do something about the lack of support and services for families like ours. We felt isolated and excluded and feared for the future of our children.

We began meeting over a pub once a month with a handful of parents and in 2011 set up our 1st Social Skill Club for children aged 8-12yrs. In 2013 we moved to our first premises but outgrew this within 2yrs so moved again in 2015 to enable us to offer drop in sessions during the week whereby we invited professionals to come and speak to parents.

We moved to larger premises in September 2017 due to increasing demand for our services. We now offer office and meeting room space, a sensory suite, sensory garden, art room and a community café.

Our HQ provides us with a number of rooms which means that we can run activities simultaneously and it even provides us with office space to sublet to complimentary services.

These include:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Children and Adult Assessment and Diagnosis Team, assessing school age children and adults for ASC), Autumn Phycology and the Adult Hub which is run by CWP.

Our service:

We run a wide range of regular events, workshops and clubs for autistic children/young people, adults and their families.

From April 2023 to March 2024 we ran the following projects either face to face or online, which were accessed by over 7,000 family members.

Eight social clubs - the heart of our work, all our clubs run fortnightly for two hours giving essential respite to parent/carers.

Space for Kids & Apollo - two clubs, each accommodating ten children aged from 4 to 7 years. Activities include team games, taking turns, sharing, music and drama and sports sessions (running races, ball games, bean bag races etc.). All activities are 'child led'.

Saturday Club & Saturn Saturdays - two clubs, each for twelve children aged from 8 to 10 years. As well as providing a safe play environment, both clubs offer a program of activities designed to help children become more independent.

Space Mates & Fun Friday- two evening clubs for sixteen young people aged from 10 to 13 years. Fun Friday has a 'youth club' vibe and provides 'chill out time' at the end of the week, whilst offering valuable socialising opportunities. Activities include art, pottery, pool, air hockey, table tennis, music making and movie nights.

Space for You- An evening club for teenagers, 14 to 18 years. Providing opportunities to develop skills for independence such as relationship building and developing communication. In-house activities include games, bingo, chess, gaming, karaoke, movie nights and baking. Community activities include visiting climbing walls, bowling, BBQs, eating meals out and Laser Quest.

Galaxy Group - An evening club for up to 40 adults from 18+ years, providing a wide range of social and learning opportunities. Activities are varied and are decided by the people attending. They include Chat and Chill sessions, bingo, board games, pool, art and crafts, air hockey, karaoke, quizzes, food preparation sessions, and much more! In addition, we have interesting and educational visits from the likes of Healthwatch, Open2Autism and magicians.

School Holiday clubs - A club for the whole family, including autistic children/young people, their siblings, and parent/carers. This club offers a variety of activities and events designed to engage and entertain family members of all ages, providing opportunities for bonding, learning, and fun experiences together during school breaks.

Educational Workshops - a wide range of workshops for parents, carers and professionals. Subjects include sensory issues, challenging behaviour and what its really like to live with ASC. We also ran workshops with Moneybox Wills and Trusts about planning ahead.

Art Sessions - We ran three art sessions per week during term time, two for adults with ASC and one for children and young people with ASC. They work with our artist using media as a mode of expression and communication.

Open Space - our 'drop in' project for autistic adults, parent/carers and professionals to drop in Mon-Thurs for advice and support.

"Space to Prosper" - For members who do not know where to turn. Our staff can make appointments with the outreach team to help with any problems and refer/signpost to the right service if necessary. The Outreach team also raise awareness in the community by attending various other services and schools.

Counselling Space for ASC Adults - A counselling service for our autistic adults which is run by counsellors who have a breadth of knowledge of ASC. These are delivered either face to face, via zoom/teams or over the telephone.

Self-Help Online Counselling Course - We developed our own self-help course with our in-house psychotherapist. The course has 7 modules and can be completed over a 12-month period with videos and worksheets for the member to work through themselves, at a pace that is right for them. This is open to any adult member.

S4A café (including sensory café area) - open five days a week to members and the public. Staffed by a highly qualified chef supported by our kitchen team along with volunteers with ASC.

Monthly Carers lunch club - groups of six attend the S4A café for a three course lunch once a month.

Training programme - a wide ranging training programme throughout Cheshire East. Includes Cygnet ASC Parenting Programme, sensory and sleep courses, autism awareness and more, all delivered by highly qualified clinicians and trainers.

0-4yrs training programme - a 6 week course for parent/carers of younger children with ASC.

Pre-School Stay and Play - A chance for parent/carers of babies and toddlers to come together for a chat whilst their children play in the sensory room. Held one morning a week during term time.

Autism Awareness Training for Professionals - training for companies and other charities delivered by one of our autistic adult members to raise awareness of what living with ASC is like.

Space4Carers - a programme of lots of activities, social opportunities, relaxation therapies, residential weekends and learning for parent/carers.

Carers Coffee, Chat and Learn Morning - for all parent/carers of people with ASC, a chance to come and talk to other services including Occupational therapists, Parent Carer Forum, Disability Information Bureau, CWP Diagnosis team, Local Area Co-Ordinator's and many more whilst having a coffee and a cake. Held once a month during term time.

Crafty Carers - run by one of our wonderful volunteers. A chance for parent/carers to come together to craft and chat held every other week during term time.

SEND advice and support 1:1 Appointments - delivered by Smart Bright Training Consultancy to parent/carers and autistic adults, to offer support and advice surrounding any issues they are having and signposting to the right services should they require more intervention.

CEAT (Cheshire East Autism Team) 1:1 Appointments - a chance to come and speak to CEAT about any school issues and for advice and support.

Walking Group - a monthly walking club for our parent/carers and ASC adults, visits to Dunham Massey, Lyme Park to name but a few - with coffee and cake at the end! Supported by BlackDog Outdoors.

Campaigning - we work with our local MP and statutory services to ensure that the experiences of those that we support are represented.

Staff Team:
We now have 7 full time and 29 part-time.
- Chief Officer - ft
- Operations Manager - ft

- Community & Projects Manager - ft
- Chef - ft
- Club Manager - ft
- Communications Officer - ft
- Booking & Activities Co-ordinator - ft
- 9 Revive and Strive Wellbeing Workers
- 15 club support workers
- 2 clinical staff (autism training skills Team)
- Kitchen technician
- 2 Caretakers

Trustees:
We are fortunate to have 6 talented and committed trustees at Space4Autism. Their diverse skills and experiences are invaluable as we continue to expand our programs and support our membership. Their ongoing commitment to the organisation is seen as a significant strength, as they not only contribute professional expertise but also bring a shared history, experience, passion, and unwavering dedication to the mission of Space4Autism.

Volunteers:
We welcomed 60 volunteers in 2023/24 and they contributed 2265 hours during the year, using the national living wage of £10.42 per hour as a guide, this means our volunteers gave time to the value of £23,601.30 during the year.

We are members of or affiliated with:-
Connect, Lead and Learn (peer support and leaders)
Cheshire Connect (business mentors and support)
Police Cohesion Group
Community Mental Health Transformation
Open2Autism/ Macclesfield Hospital/Learning Disabilities and Autism Group
Cheshire East mental partnership board prevention sub-group
3rd sector partnership meetings
Cheshire Voluntary Service (CVS)
Women's Collaboration Group
Autism Alliance UK
Community Live Well
Children and Young People Clinical Delivery Group

We are commissioned by:
- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB)

We work closely with the following other agencies/charities
CaMHS - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service
Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS)
Just Drop In
Cheshire East Local area co-ordinators
Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust
Living Autism
Youth Federation

Healthwatch
Healthbox
Family Support Workers
Social Prescribers
People Plus
Speaking Up Speaking Out
House of Healing
Peak Sleep
Harvest Fundraising
Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT)
Smart Bright training and consultancy
Disability Information Bureau
Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
Local GP surgeries
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services CE
Cheshire East Carers Hub
Circus Starr
Adult Social Care
Local Schools
Cheshire East SEND Team
Safer Opportunities
Cre8
Therapy for Teens
Autumn Psychology
Time out Group

Purchasing locally:
We have a policy of purchasing locally whenever possible - around 30% of our annual spend goes to local suppliers.

Environmental impact
We use The Green Office Checklist - a self-evaluation tool, which helps us to assess the environmental performance of our work. The Checklist gives us clear directions for improvement. It asks questions to measure our level of "Green" performance.

It is a comprehensive checklist comprising of 65 questions relating to various environmental topics such as paper usage, energy efficiency, office supplies, general office activities, recycling, transport, Health and Safety and the process for implementation of all of our activities.

We are pleased with our progress and we will continue to use the Green Office Checklist on a regular basis to improve our performance over the coming months.

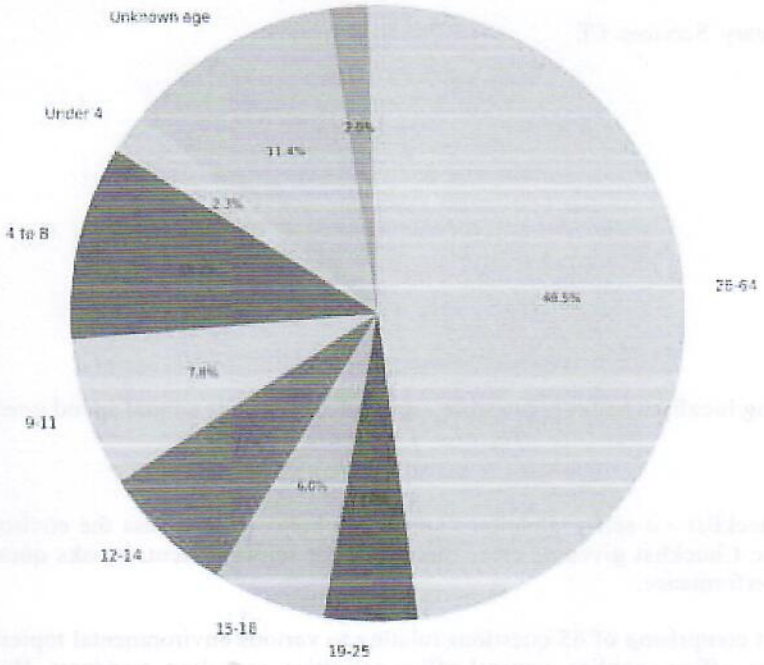
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Project delivery:

Key findings - in the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024:

In the 12 months to 31st March 2024, we welcomed 1,211 new members, taking our membership to 8,598. An increase of almost 16% in the last 12 months.

Our members are broken down into the following age categories:



In the 12 months to 31st March 2024, we delivered 1,305 individual club and activity sessions, providing direct support for 3,447 autistic children, young people, adults, and their families. In addition, we have had 17,739 individual contacts with members via face-to-face meetings, email, letters, remotely or via our social media platforms.

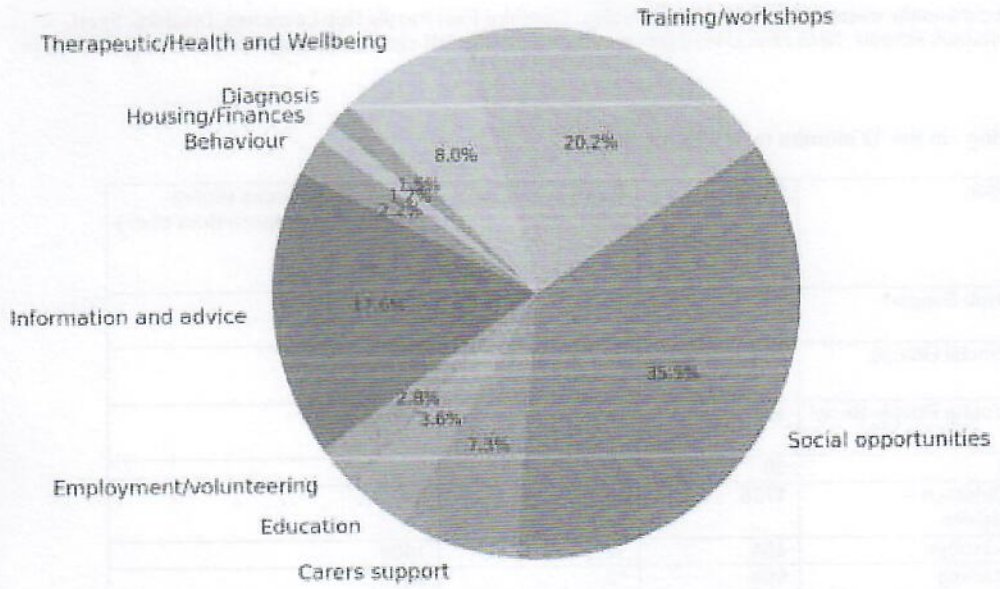
We signposted 571 people to relevant support i.e. Cheshire East Autism Team, CWP Helpline, Social Care and other charities local to the individuals. We also provided information and support to 526 professionals and their respective organisations.

We attended 19 community events during the year including: Cheshire East Family Hub Launches, Disability Sport Network event, various schools, NHS clinical lead group and various SMASH care community events raising awareness of Autism.

Charitylog finding - in the 12 months to 31st March 2024

Activity/Number	No of members participating	No of sessions delivered	No of attendances (some people attend more than once)
Autistic Adult Hub Support	38	84	175
Autistic Adult Social Groups	104	92	869
Children and Young People Social Groups	437	265	2770
Space4Carers	98	41	382
Open Space/Outreach – information & advice	1738	683	9999
Training & Workshops	464	122	1009
Other inc fundraising	568	18	641
Total	**3,447**	**1,305**	**15,845**

We have delivered intense 1:1 and group sessions in the following areas:-



Staff activities:
6 staff left us during the year, and we employed 3 new staff members.

Our staff and volunteer team completed the following training:
- First Aid at work certificate
- GDPR training
- Cheshire East Safeguarding Board training sessions
- Behaviour that challenges training
- Cyber security training
- Autism Awareness level 2
- Five ways to wellbeing
- Senior club staff training day
- Oliver McGowan online training

Other staff team achievements:
- S4A Café received 5 stars once again from the EHO
- Disability Confident employers gained once again
- Our S4A Café was recommended by Restaurant Guru for the 2nd year
- We achieved Cyber Essentials certification for the 3rd year running
- Improved our social media presence
- CEO Cheryl Simpson MBE was invited to Saudi to deliver a talk at their world conference

New services and activities:
- Afterschool club
- Outreach satellite hubs etc
- People Plus 1:1 appointments
- Carers therapy sessions
- Space for ASC adults
- Adult Hub in partnership with CWP

Awards and supporter activities:

One of our volunteers, George Ventris, was selected as one of the 500 Official Coronation Champions.

Peaks & Plains Housing Trust Best Communal Garden for the 2nd year running.

In partnership with Macclesfield Town Council - Britain in bloom award for Space4Autisms' sensory garden.

S4A Café received 5 star hygiene rating once again from the EHO.

April 2023 to March 2024

We would not be able to deliver our services without the support of our funders - a massive 'thank you' to the following:

Trusts and foundations:

The Tudor Trust
UKH Foundation
Hilary Awdry Charitable Trust
Broome Family Charitable Trust
Steven Bloch Image of Disability Charity Trust
Grey Court Trust
Emerson Foundation
M & C Trust
Geoff's Ludford Charitable Trust
Rylance and Smith Charitable Trust
Sister Gwen Appleton Charitable Trust
Thornton Trust
Cheshire Community Foundation
Card Factory Foundation
The Denham Charitable Trust
The Lucas Harrison Trust
W O Street Charitable Foundation
The Edward Gostling Foundation
Garfield Weston Foundation
St James Place Charitable Foundation
The Charles Sharland Trust
The Swallow Trust
Active Cheshire
The CRH Charitable Trust
Barbara Ward Childrens Foundation
The Douglas Arter Foundation
St Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
The Equilibrium Foundation
WH Smith Charitable Trust
Miss Jo Torrington Childrens Fund
Boshier-Hinton Foundation
The Bain Charitable Trust
Blackwood Engineering Trust
The David Family Foundation
The Alan Jenkin Stokes Memorial Trust
The Orchard Trust
The Beryl & Peter Collins Charitable Trust
The Lynn Foundation
Holbeck Charitable Trust
The Bryan Lancaster Trust
Woodroffe Benton Foundation
The BB Charitable Foundation

Children in Need
The Peoples Health Trust
The Lee & Bakirgian Family Trust
The Gladys Wightwick Charitable Trust
David Solomons Charitable Trust
The Poynton Foundation
The Souter Charitable Trust
The Marsh Christian Trust
Hazel & Leslie Peskin Charitable Trust
The Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust
Robert McAlpine Foundation
The John and Susan Bowers Fund
The Bennett Family Grant Making Charity
Rycroft Childrens Fund
Cheshire Freemasons Charitable Trust
Co-op Local Community Fund
Haramead Trust
The Irving Memorial Trust
The Hobson Charity Limited
The Culra Charitable Trust
Joan Wilkinson Charitable Trust
Ordinary People Intering Lives
Pennycress Trust
Royal London
The Nagel Family Foundation
The Zochonis Charitable Trust
Evelyn May Trust
Brian Wilson Charitable Trust
The Mosse Charitable Settlement
Medicash Foundation
The Hentr C Hoare Charitable Trust
Clothworkers Foundation
Dixie Rose Findlay Charitable Trust
Hudson Charitable Trust

Other funders:
The Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB)
Cheshire East Council - Short Breaks
Cheshire East Council - Covid-19 Response and Recovery Grant
NHS England
AstraZeneca Unite
Macclesfield Town Council
Moneybox Wills and Trust
P Bickerdyke
C Berrett
Manuka Mortgages
Royal Tandoori Authentic Indian Takeaway
Matt Rigby - Rudamentalist
C Sayer
J Smith
Mr & Mrs P Girdwood
National Lottery Community Fund/Reaching Communities and Awards for All
Spinners Arms
Tesco Community Fund
Yorkshire Building Society
Redesmere Sailing Club
Rolph and Co Photography
Little Green Harvest Company
Waterloo Pipes & Drums
Buttylicious Shake & Bake
R Egli
T Leach
Mr & Mrs M Beresford
Mr & Mrs Sussex

Referring partners and agencies
We are committed to partnership working, sharing knowledge and resources to support the people we serve.

External project partners:
The Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB)
CaMHS - Children and Adult Mental Health Services
Professional drop in attendee's including: Occupational Therapy, Sleep Clinic, Speech and Language Therapy, Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT), Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS), Disability Information Bureau, Local Area Co-ordinator, Just Drop In
Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust.
Living Autism
Cheshire East Council - commissioning of Short Break Social Skills clubs for children and young people aged 5-18
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services Cheshire East
Youth Federation
Cheshire East Carers Hub
Healthwatch
Healthbox

Adult Social Care
Family Support Workers
Local Schools
Social Prescribers
Cheshire East SEND Team
DWP
The Growth Company
Local GP Practices
Smart Bright Training and Consultancy
Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
Circus Starr
People Plus

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The second half of this year has been incredibly challenging for us and for the individuals and families that we support and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees, staff team and all of our fantastic volunteers for working so hard during these very difficult times.

The total expenditure for 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 was £579,478. Funding for salaries is also difficult as Trusts commonly prefer their donations are not used for salaries; we are grateful for the efforts of Peter Sackett (fundraiser) and Cheryl Simpson (CEO) for their efforts in continuing to seek this funding.

Donations have increased this year from £125,170 in 2022/23 to £187,547 in 2023/24, However, grants have decreased from £269,387 in 2022/23 to £228,215 in 2023/24.

Out total income increased from £552,381 in 2022/23 to £585,413 in 2023/24 and total expenditure in 2022/23 was £582,492 and in 2023/24 was £579,478.

Reserves policy

The charity will hold unrestricted general reserves that total six months running costs. These funds will be viewed as an emergency fund (i.e. loss of vital funding) and will be used only at the discretion of the Trustees. Unfortunately, at the year end this has not been met. Estimated unrestricted running costs for the 6 months are expected to be £276,000. However, free funds available at the balance sheet date are only £141,336.

The general reserve fund will be achieved by attracting unrestricted funds from a variety of funding streams including: Trusts; Commissioned Services and Council Funding; Companies; Trading, including café, training and consultancy; Events; Community Fundraising and Individual Donations.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Pauline Girdwood
Chair of Trustees

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
The governing document for the charity is the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) dated 18th May 2020.

Day to day operations:
Decision making, financial management and trust governance are all conducted in accordance with a fixed set of policies and guidelines.

Organisational structure
The organisational structure comprises the Board of Trustees (all volunteers with one selected as chairperson). There has to be a minimum of four Trustees but there is no maximum number.

The Trustees meet regularly during the year for full board meetings. All major policy, financial and operational decisions are decided by a majority of the Trustees. The constitution covers the structure and voting requirements.

A number of meetings, comprising a subset of Trustees, are arranged as and when necessary to discuss matters relating to specific topics.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	A Prior, (resigned May 2024) K Rutherford, (resigned May 2023) L Killilea P Girdwood, (chair as from June 2024) D Bramwell, (resigned February 2024) L Pope J McKellar, (resigned August 2023) L Beresford
Charity Registration Number	1189689
Principal Office	15-17 Mill Lane Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7NN
Independent Examiner	Mr Neil Kennington FCA Bright Partnership Limited 1 Park Street Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6SR

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P Girdwood
Trustee

Space4Autism CIO

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these 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 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Girdwood.

P Girdwood
Trustee

Space4Autism CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Space4Autism CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Space4Autism CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Space4Autism CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Space4Autism CIO's 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

Since Space4Autism CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Bright Partnership Limited, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Space4Autism CIO 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.

Mr Neil Kennington FCA
Bright Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants

1 Park Street
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK11 6SR

12 November 2024

Space4Autism CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		126,994	288,768	415,762	394,557
Charitable activities		15,105	-	15,105	22,853
Other trading activities		37,165	777	37,942	27,675
Investment income	5	20,324	31,074	51,398	61,885
Other income		4,295	60,911	65,206	45,411
Total income		203,883	381,530	585,413	552,381
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(12,149)	(3,348)	(15,497)	(14,367)
Charitable activities		(193,414)	(370,567)	(563,981)	(568,125)
Total expenditure		(205,563)	(373,915)	(579,478)	(582,492)
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,680)	7,615	5,935	(30,111)
Gross transfers between funds		(18,756)	18,756	-	-
Net movement in funds		(20,436)	26,371	5,935	(30,111)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		161,772	69,699	231,471	261,582
Total funds carried forward	13	141,336	96,070	237,406	231,471

The notes on pages 21 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Space4Autism CIO

(Registration number: 1189689)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	21,252	29,668
Current assets			
Stocks	10	2,450	1,251
Debtors	11	15,798	45,636
Cash at bank and in hand		213,932	174,442
		232,180	221,329
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(16,026)	(19,526)
Net current assets		216,154	201,803
Net assets		237,406	231,471
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		96,070	69,699
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		141,336	161,772
Total funds	13	237,406	231,471

The financial statements on pages 18 to 30 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

P. Girdwood

P Girdwood
Trustee

Space4Autism CIO

Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		8,876	(30,111)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		8,416	14,790
		17,292	(15,321)
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in stocks	10	-	(1,251)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	11	29,839	(42,278)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	12	(7,641)	5,069
Net cash flows from operating activities		39,490	(53,781)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisitions of tangible assets		-	(1,871)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		39,490	(55,652)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		174,442	230,094
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		213,932	174,442

The notes on pages 21 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Space4Autism CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Improvements to property	Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	187,547	125,170
Grants	228,215	269,387
	415,762	394,557

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Club income	15,105	22,853

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total funds £	Total 2023 £
Cafe income	31,815	21,687
Fundraising events	4,963	4,729
Shop income	1,164	1,259
	37,942	27,675

5 Investment income

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable - trading	319	344
Room hire income	51,079	61,541
	51,398	61,885

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising trading costs;			
Fundraising		15,497	14,367
		15,497	14,367

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	371,225	351,669

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Staff	24	32

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	9,110	33,592	11,040	7,284	61,026
At 31 March 2024	9,110	33,592	11,040	7,284	61,026
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	9,110	12,703	4,290	5,255	31,358
Charge for the year	-	5,226	1,680	1,510	8,416
At 31 March 2024	9,110	17,929	5,970	6,765	39,774
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	-	15,663	5,070	519	21,252
At 31 March 2023	-	20,889	6,750	2,029	29,668

10 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	2,450	1,251

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	11,898	39,000
Prepayments	3,900	6,636
	15,798	45,636

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	5,968	8,969
Other taxation and social security	5,078	5,497
Accruals	4,980	5,060
	16,026	19,526

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	72,701	108,552	(126,486)	27,759	82,526
Designated	89,071	95,331	(79,077)	(46,515)	58,810
Total unrestricted funds	161,772	203,883	(205,563)	(18,756)	141,336
Restricted funds	69,699	381,530	(373,915)	18,756	96,070
Total funds	231,471	585,413	(579,478)	-	237,406

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	72,701	108,552	(126,486)	27,759	82,526
Designated					
Renovation Work	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	-
Lucas Harrison Trust	7,158	15,000	(12,399)	949	10,708
Swallow Trust	12,412	10,000	(4,749)	-	17,663
M&C Trust	1,292	3,000	(807)	-	3,485
Social Clubs	22,733	15,105	(9,041)	(23,000)	5,797
Minibus	350	243	(593)	-	-
Kitchen Wages	10,126	4,000	(8,417)	(1)	5,708
Galaxy	-	9,456	(17,792)	10,486	2,150
S4A Cafe	-	31,027	(24,212)	51	6,866
Broome Family 2024	-	7,500	(1,067)	-	6,433
	89,071	95,331	(79,077)	(46,515)	58,810
Total unrestricted funds	161,772	203,883	(205,563)	(18,756)	141,336
Restricted funds					
Short Break	3,078	22,980	(36,817)	10,759	-
Big Lottery	2,511	-	-	(2,511)	-
Tudor Trust	1,734	-	(1,734)	-	-
Broom family	3,672	-	(3,212)	(1)	459
JDI Counselling	2,057	-	(2,057)	-	-
Apollo	9,708	-	(8,583)	-	1,125
Galaxy Covid Recovery	5,615	-	-	(5,615)	-
Space4Carers Awards for All	3,825	21,174	(5,000)	1	20,000
Space4Carers Hub	7,303	10,100	(15,890)	897	2,410
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	10,192	243	(10,435)	-	-
1:1	75	-	(75)	-	-
Sir Jules Thorn	1,750	-	(1,500)	-	250
CCF-Youth Space	3,379	10,414	(8,064)	-	5,729
Garfield Weston	14,800	20,000	(15,125)	-	19,675
Edward Gostling	-	20,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
Barbara Ward	-	6,000	(2,500)	(500)	3,000
Clothworkers Foundation	-	2,100	-	-	2,100

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
McAlpine	-	-	(2,500)	2,500	-
Sister Gwen Space4Art	-	828	(3,608)	2,780	-
Saturday Club	-	25,450	(19,178)	3,476	9,748
NHS England	-	-	71	(71)	-
Health- NHS Health and Wellbeing	-	18,158	(12,958)	(950)	4,250
Space to Prosper	-	80,328	(83,545)	6,847	3,630
Freemansons	-	12,020	(6,000)	-	6,020
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	-	(13)	13	-
622	-	897	-	(897)	-
Sat Club - Cheshire Community	-	-	(123)	123	-
Charles Sharland	-	20,000	(16,950)	(3,050)	-
ICB	-	110,838	(108,119)	4,955	7,674
	69,699	381,530	(373,915)	18,756	96,070
Total funds	231,471	585,413	(579,478)	-	237,406

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	11,266	163,352	(159,433)	57,516	72,701
Designated	81,870	55,375	(45,453)	(2,721)	89,071
Total unrestricted funds	93,136	218,727	(204,886)	54,795	161,772
Restricted funds	168,446	333,654	(377,606)	(54,795)	69,699
Total funds	261,582	552,381	(582,492)	-	231,471

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	11,266	163,352	(159,433)	57,516	72,701
Designated					
Renovation Work	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
Lucas Harrison Trust	14,028	15,000	(21,870)	-	7,158
Swallow Trust	9,352	15,000	(11,940)	-	12,412
M&C Trust	4,792	-	(3,500)	-	1,292
Social Clubs	5,000	17,875	(142)	-	22,733
Minibus	13,698	-	(2,307)	(11,041)	350
Kitchen wages	-	7,500	(5,694)	8,320	10,126
	81,870	55,375	(45,453)	(2,721)	89,071
Total unrestricted funds	93,136	218,727	(204,886)	54,795	161,772
Restricted funds					
Short Break	14,630	33,208	(49,867)	5,107	3,078
Big Lottery	5,643	109,760	(112,892)	-	2,511
Tudor Trust	11,774	-	(10,040)	-	1,734
Sister Gwen Space4Art	1,805	5,803	(8,045)	437	-
Saturday Club	13,934	2,500	(17,639)	1,205	-
ECCCG	42,476	73,613	(85,006)	(31,083)	-
Sensory Equipment	7,685	-	-	(7,685)	-
Friendship Group	8,320	-	-	(8,320)	-
NHS England	12,538	724	(13,746)	484	-
Broom family	517	7,500	(4,345)	-	3,672
Riseley Medical	50	-	(50)	-	-
JDI Counselling	167	3,600	(1,710)	-	2,057
Apollo	9,926	10,185	(10,403)	-	9,708
Galaxy Covid Recovery	8,943	(699)	(2,629)	-	5,615
CRH	9,000	-	(9,000)	-	-
Space4Carers Awards for All	4,020	9,280	(9,475)	-	3,825
Space4Carers Hub	4,319	9,286	(6,302)	-	7,303
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Mather Family	1,458	-	(1,458)	-	-
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	8,241	20,890	(18,939)	-	10,192

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
1:1	3,000	-	(2,925)	-	75
Sir Jules Thorn	-	3,000	(1,250)	-	1,750
Youth Space	-	7,564	(4,185)	-	3,379
NHS Video	-	7,440	(2,500)	(4,940)	-
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	(5,200)	-	14,800
	168,446	333,654	(377,606)	(54,795)	69,699
Total funds	261,582	552,381	(582,492)	-	231,471

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Space4Autism CIO

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	415,762	394,557
Charitable activities (analysed below)	15,105	22,853
Other trading activities (analysed below)	37,942	27,675
Investment income (analysed below)	51,398	61,885
Other income (analysed below)	65,206	45,411
Total income	585,413	552,381
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(15,497)	(14,367)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(563,981)	(568,125)
Total expenditure	(579,478)	(582,492)
Net income/(expenditure)	5,935	(30,111)
Net movement in funds	5,935	(30,111)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	231,471	261,582
Total funds carried forward	237,406	231,471

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations	187,547	125,170
Grants	228,215	269,387
	415,762	394,557
Charitable activities		
Club income	15,105	22,853
	15,105	22,853
Other trading activities		
Cafe income	31,815	21,687
Fundraising events	4,963	4,729
Shop income	1,164	1,259
	37,942	27,675
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	319	344
Room hire income	51,079	61,541
	51,398	61,885
Other income		
Recharged utilities and office costs	7,632	8,745
Training income	57,574	36,666
	65,206	45,411
Raising funds		
Fundraising services	(15,497)	(14,367)
	(15,497)	(14,367)

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities		
Wages	(371,225)	(351,669)
Rent	(45,867)	(42,211)
Insurance	(3,122)	(2,393)
Water, electric and gas	(11,451)	(7,473)
Telephone	(1,402)	(1,077)
Printing, postage and stationery	(8,663)	(7,610)
Advertising	(64)	(1,852)
Sundries	(2,219)	(6,274)
Maintenance	(4,854)	(12,961)
Club running and consumables	(32,375)	(28,741)
Workshop delivery	(182)	(7,348)
Travel expenses	(618)	(1,055)
Subscriptions	(610)	(432)
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	(8,416)	(14,789)
Other	(1,106)	(2,659)
Social outings	(2,324)	(13,045)
Minibus expenses	(1,289)	(3,083)
Computer expenses	(11,969)	(10,831)
Clinicians fees	(17,784)	(26,362)
Accountancy	(10,440)	(7,908)
Legal fees	(6,610)	(2,460)
Professional fees	(306)	(276)
Training	(16,766)	(12,768)
HR and payroll services	(4,139)	(1,441)
Cleaning	(180)	(260)
Garden	-	(410)
Bank interest	-	(737)
	(563,981)	(568,125)

SPACE4AUTISM

England & Wales - Charity number 1189689

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1189689

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

SPACE4AUTISM CIO

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SPACE4AUTISM CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Aims and purposes

Our mission is to promote social inclusion for the benefit of children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families principally but not exclusively within Cheshire East, who are socially excluded from society or parts of society because of ASC by:

- Providing education and information to support and enable parents of children/adults with ASC to maximise educational opportunities for their children/adults.
- Raising public awareness of the issues facing children and adults with ASC and their families, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion.
- Providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support.
- Providing recreational facilities and opportunities for children and adults with ASC and their families.

We are based within Cheshire East, but our information and educational services are for general public benefit. Therefore, our services are available to anyone able to attend our meetings or anyone that can access information on the internet.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities

We are an independent Cheshire based charity that provides a range of clubs, activities and services for children, young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and their families.

We began in 2005 when, as a group of parents of children with ASC, we got together to do something about the lack of support and services for families like ours. We felt isolated and excluded and feared for the future of our children.

We began meeting over a pub once a month with a handful of parents and in 2011 set up our 1st Social Skill Club for children aged 8-12yrs. In 2013 we moved to our first premises but outgrew this within 2yrs so moved again in 2015 to enable us to offer drop in sessions during the week whereby we invited professionals to come and speak to parents.

We moved to new larger premises, in September 2017 due to increasing demand for our services. We now offer office and meeting room space, a sensory suite, sensory garden, art room and a community cafe.

Our HQ provides us with a number of rooms which means that we can run activities simultaneously and it even provides us with office space to sublet to complimentary services.
These include:
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Children and Adult Assessment and Diagnosis Team, assessing school age children and adults for ASC),
Just Drop In - providing counselling service for younger children with ASC

Our service:

We run a wide range of regular events, workshops and clubs for people with ASC of all ages and their families.
From April 2022 to March 2023 we ran the following projects either face to face or online, which were accessed by over 7,000 family members.

Ten social clubs - the heart of our work, all our clubs run fortnightly for two hours giving essential respite to parent/carers- more details below.

Space for Kids, Apollo & Pluto - three clubs, each accommodating ten children aged from 4 to 8 years. Activities include team games, taking turns, sharing, music and drama and sports sessions (running races, ball games, bean bag races etc.). All activities are 'child led'. We have 'circle time' at the beginning and end of every session where everyone sits together to decide on the day's activity and to plan future activities.

Saturday Club & Saturn Saturdays - two clubs, each for twelve children aged from 8 to 11 years. As well as providing a safe play environment, both clubs offer a programme of activities designed to help children become more independent.

Space Mates - an afterschool club for twelve young people aged from 11 to 14 years. A chance for the young people to unwind afterschool with play, chat and chill.

Fun Friday - an evening club for sixteen young people aged from 11 to 14 years. Fun Friday has a 'youth club' vibe and provides 'chill out time' at the end of the week, whilst offering valuable socialising opportunities. Activities include art, pottery, pool, air hockey, table tennis, music making and movie nights. Young people also go on shopping trips to buy ingredients to make their own meals in our S4A cafe.

Space for You & Youth Space - two evening clubs, each for twenty teenagers, aged from 14 to 18 years. Providing opportunities to develop skills for independence, such as relationship building and developing communication. In-house activities include games, bingo, chess, gaming, karaoke, movie nights and baking. Community activities include visiting climbing walls, bowling, BBQs, eating meals out and Laser Quest.

Galaxy Group - an evening club for up to 40 adults aged 18+ years, providing a wide range of social and learning opportunities. Activities are varied and are decided by the people attending. They include chat and chill sessions, bingo, board games, pool, art and crafts, air hockey, karaoke, quizzes, food preparation sessions, and much more! In addition, we have interesting and educational visits from the likes of Healthwatch, Open2Autism and magicians.

School Holiday clubs - for children and young people of the above clubs to come together in the school holidays. A chance for the parents/carers to have a break from their caring role whilst the children are entertained with in-house activities and trips out.

Educational Workshops - a wide range of workshops for parents, carers and professionals. Subjects include sensory issues, challenging behaviour and what it's really like to live with ASC. We also ran workshops with Moneybox Wills and Trusts about planning ahead.

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Art Sessions - we have run three art sessions per week during term time, two for adults with ASC and one for children and young people with ASC. They work with our artist using media as a mode of expression and communication.

Open Space - a 'drop in' project for people of all ages with ASC, their families and professionals.

Outreach Service "Revive and Strive" - for members who do not know where to turn, they can now make appointments with the outreach team, who will help with any problems and refer/signpost to the right service if necessary. Members can have a one-off appointment, or, be seen for up to a maximum of 6 weeks to support them. The Outreach team also raise awareness in the community by attending various other services.

Counselling Space for ASC Adults - a counselling service for our adults with ASC which is run by counsellors who have a breadth of knowledge of ASC. These are delivered either face to face, via zoom/teams or over the telephone.

Self-Help Online Counselling Course - we developed our own self-help course with our in-house psychotherapist. The course can be completed over a 12 month period and is made up of 7 modules, each with videos and worksheets, for the member to work through themselves at a pace that is right for them. This is open to any adult member.

S4A Cafe (including sensory cafe area) - open five days a week to members and the public. Staffed by a highly qualified chef, supported by our kitchen team along with volunteers with ASC.

Kids Eat Free - held during the school holidays so children can come into the S4A Cafe with their parents/carers and have a meal for free.

ASC adult and carer weekly lunch club - groups of six attend the S4A cafe for a three course lunch each week during term time.

Adult Hubs - we work with Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Adult Services) to provide monthly support calls for ASC adults living within Cheshire.

Training programme - a wide ranging training programme throughout Cheshire. Includes Cygnet ASC Parenting Programme, sensory and sleep courses, autism awareness and more, all delivered by highly qualified clinicians and trainers.

0-4yrs training programme - a 6 week course for parents/carers of younger children with ASC.

Pre-School Stay and Play - a chance for parents/carers of babies and toddlers to come together for a chat whilst their children play in the sensory room. Held two mornings a week during term time.

Autism Awareness Training for Professionals - training for companies and other charities delivered by one of our adult ASC members to raise awareness of what living with ASC is like.

Space4Carers - a programme of lots of activities, social opportunities, relaxation therapies, residential weekends and learning for parents/carers.

Carers Coffee, Chat and Learn Morning - for all carers of people with ASC, a chance to come and talk to other services including Occupational Therapists, Parent Carer Forum, Disability Information Bureau, CWP Diagnosis team, Local Area Co-ordinators and many more, whilst having a coffee and a cake. Held once a month during term time.

Crafty Carers - run by one of our wonderful volunteers. A chance for parents/carers to come together to craft and chat.

Gardening and Nature Project - a quarterly group for any adult wanting to learn about gardening and growing your own vegetables. Delivered by Kate from "Under the Ivy".

Cookery Classes - for parents/carers and children held once a month, a chance for all attendees to work with our professional chef in making easy dishes to take home and try.

Pizza and Play - weekly opportunities for members and siblings to come along to play and enjoy pizza's in our S4A Cafe.
Space

Space to Talk - Children Counselling service - delivered by Just Drop In at our premises for children and young people aged 12yrs plus.

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Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) training - delivered by Smart Bright Training Consultancy to parents/carers to help with their children and young people's EHCP's.

1:1 Appointments - delivered by Smart Bright Training and Consultancy to parents/carers and ASC adults, to offer support and advice surrounding any issues they are having, and, signposting to the right services should they require more intervention.

Walking Group - a monthly walking club for our parents/carer and ASC adults, visiting Dunham Massey and Lyme Park to name but a few, with coffee and cake at the end! Supported by BlackDog Outdoors.

Campaigning - we work with our local MP and statutory services to ensure that the experiences of those that we support are represented.

Staff Team:
We now have 6 full time and 27 part-time staff:
- Chief Officer
- Operations Manager
- Club Manager
- 6 Revive and Strive Wellbeing Workers
- 14 support workers
- Booking Co-ordinator
- 4 clinical staff (autism training skills team)
- Charity administrator
- Chef
- Kitchen technician
- 2 Caretakers

Trustees:
We have 8 trustees who, as well as bringing personal experience of autism, bring valuable experience from the fields of finance, HR, child and community care, business, operations management and safeguarding. They also volunteer a lot of their own time.

Many of the original founders are still actively involved. We consider this a real strength because as well as bringing professional, complimentary skills and knowledge, they bring a shared history, experience, passion and commitment to Space4Autism which is at the heart of everything we do.

Volunteers
We had 80 volunteers during this accounting year supporting a wide range of services and activities. They contributed a total of 3,278 hours during this financial year. Using the living wage of £9.50 per hour as a guide, this means that our volunteers gave time to the value of £31,141.00 during this period.

We are members of or affiliated with:-

- Leaders Council of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Connect, Lead and Learn (peer support and leaders)
- BNI Silk
- CESAP (Cheshire East Social Action Partnership)
- Police Cohesion Group
- Community Mental Health Transformation
- Open2Autism/ Macclesfield Hospital/Learning Disabilities and Autism Group
- Growth Company
- Cheshire East Mental Health Partnership Board - prevention sub-group
- Pilotlight
- 3rd sector partnership meetings
- Cheshire Voluntary Service (CVS)
- Women's Collaboration Group

We are commissioned by:
- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCCG)
- NHS England
-The Growth Company - we are a supply chain partner

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purchasing locally:
We have a policy of purchasing locally whenever possible, around 40% of our annual spend goes to local suppliers.

Environmental impact
We use The Green Office Checklist, a self-evaluation tool, which helps us to assess the environmental performance of our work. The checklist gives us clear directions for improvement. It asks questions to measure our level of "green" performance.

It is a comprehensive checklist comprising of 65 questions relating to various environmental topics such as paper usage, energy efficiency, office supplies, general office activities, recycling, transport, Health and Safety and the process for implementation of all our activities. We scored positive responses to 49 questions, equating to 75%. This is an increase of 15% over the last 12 months.

We are pleased with our progress and will continue to use the Green Office Checklist on a regular basis to improve our performance over the coming months.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievement and performance

Project delivery

Key findings - in the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023:

This is our 2nd Year of being a CIO and we have again seen rapid growth; at the start of this accounting period (April 2022) we had 6,320 members. We now support 7,387 members - an increase of 1067 (16.9%) in 12 months.

Our members are broken down into the following age categories:
Under 4 - 191
4 to 8 - 800
9 to 11 - 657
12 to 14 - 611
15 to 18 - 553
19 to 25 - 289
26 to 64 - 3588
65+ - 186
Unknown - 512

Of these 496 are adults with ASC and 1344 are children with ASC.

We had a total of 15,202 attendances at our sessions.

We have made over 17,175 'individual contacts' with members via email, letters and social media etc. In addition, we send out weekly updates to over 4,000 mailing list subscribers.

We have delivered intensive sessions with 5,142 individuals in the following areas:
- Housing 12
- Finances 45
- Behaviour 61
- Information and advice 801
- Employment/volunteering 121
- Education 200
- Carers support 303
- Social opportunities 2108
- Training/workshops 769
- Therapeutic support 369
- Diagnosis 55
- Health and Wellbeing 298

-32 staff/volunteers attended safeguarding training
- 26 staff/volunteers attended epi-pen and epilepsy training
- 15 completed their first aid training
- 1 completed SEND Code of Practice Course
- 1 completed Supporting Children with Send Course
- 3 staff gained a qualification in Autism Awareness level 2
- 2 staff gained certification in Choice Theory
- 11 attended Allergy Awareness Basic Training
- 15 staff/volunteers attended GDPR training
- 2 attended a course on equality and diversity
- 7 staff attended an online resilience course
- 3 staff attended an online behaviour that challenges course.
- 3 staff attended an online cyber security training

We employed a booking co-ordinator, 2 outreach workers, a receptionist, a club manager , a volunteer co-ordinator and more support workers for our social clubs.

New services and activities:
-Pizza and Play
- Crafty Carers
- Gardening and Nature Group

- Walking Group
- Pre-school Stay and Play
- 2 additional social clubs, taking us to 10 clubs in total
- Implemented a self-help online counselling course
- Implemented Kids Eat Free during school holidays
- Carers Coffee, Chat and Learn Morning

Awards and supporter activities:

Trustee and Co-founder John McKellar received the Platinum Jubilee Champion Award from The Royal Voluntary Service.

Cheryl Simpson MBE received the Cheshire Life 70 Cheshire Champions Award.

We were awarded 1st place Best Community Garden by Peaks and Plains Housing Association.

We were awarded the Social Value Award by Cheshire & Merseyside Health and Care Partnership.

Cheryl Simpson MBE received an award from The High Sheriff of Cheshire in recognition of great and valuable services to the community.

We would not be able to deliver our services without the support of our funders - a massive 'thank you' to the following:

Trusts and foundations:

Henry C Hoare Charitable Trust
Bryan Lancaster Trust
Steven Bloch Image of Disability Charitable Trust
Mrs Yvonne Flux Charitable Trust
R S Brownless Charitable Trust
Astor Foundation
Gisela Graham Foundation
Lucas Harrison Trust
Douglas Arter Foundation
Cheshire Community Foundation
N Smith Charitable Settlement
Edward Gostling Foundation
Swallow Trust
Garfield Weston Foundation
BBC Children in Need
Zochonis Charitable Trust
Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust
Souter Charitable Trust
UKH Foundation
Lee and Bakirgian Family Trust
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust (Anne Rylands)
Broome Family Charitable Trust
Louis Nicholas Residuary Charitable Trust
Sister Gwen Appleton Charitable Trust
Joan Wilkinson Charitable Trust
Mbili Charitable Trust
M and C Trust
Cheshire Freemasons' Charity
Risley Medical, Research and Charity Trust Fund
Marsh Christian Trust
The Openwork Foundation
Charles Sharland

Other funders:
Cheshire East Council - Short Breaks
National Lottery Community Fund/Reaching
Cheshire East Council - Covid-19 Response and Recovery Grant
Communities and Awards for All

Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NCompass - Carers Choice
NHS England
Tytherington Pharmacy
Spinners Arms
Co-op
AstraZeneca Unite
Tesco Community Fund
Macclesfield Town Council
Jodrell Bank
Mencap
Macclesfield College
Friends that Do
Yorkshire Building Society
BNI Silk
Moneybox Wills and Trusts
B&Q Macclesfield
Redesmere Sailing Club
Green Shooters Golf Club
RocketWham
Pilotlight
Chelford Primary School
Beech Hall School
Arnold Clarke
TK Maxx and HomeSense
P Bickerdyke
Macclesfield & District Lions/Dads that Run - Matt & Tom
Rolph and Co Photography
C Berrett
Manchester Wheelers
Little Green Harvest Company
A Watkins
S Roche
Fragrance Direct
J Terrington
Anfield Agenda
H Bayley & L Trafford
M & L Beresford (Born survivor 2022 team)
St Lukes Goostrey
Hooley, Watson & Buckley Funeral Directors

Referring partners and agencies
We are committed to partnership working, sharing knowledge and resources to support the people we serve.

External project partners:
Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
CAMHs - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
Professional drop in attendee's including: Occupational Therapy, Sleep Clinic, Speech and Language Therapy, Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT), Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS), Disability Information Bureau, Local Area Co-ordinator, Just Drop In, New Leaf
Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust
Living Autism - delivery of educational workshops
Cheshire East Council - commissioning of Short Break Social Skills clubs for children and young people aged 5-18
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services Cheshire East
Youth Federation
Cheshire East Carers Hub
Healthwatch
Healthbox
Adult Social Care
Family Support Workers
Local Schools
Social Prescribers

Cheshire East SEND Team
DWP
The Growth Company
Local GP Practices
Smart Bright Training and Consultancy
Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
Circus Starr
People Plus
Safer Opportunities
Speak Up Speak Out (SUSO)
Cre8
House of Healing
Therapy for Teens
Peak Sleep
Autumn Psychology
Harvest Fundraising

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Charity started this financial year strongly and then started to feel the pinch and pain of the rise in costs both on what we have had to pay to keep the business running and from receiving less donations from our funders and fundraising.

In brief, our donations were down £64,000 - this is the money we receive from Just Giving and Sponsored events, etc. In-house fundraising totals were also down £5,000 from this time last year. In positive news, grants were up £20,000.

This means that:
- Donations decreased from £189,445 in 2022 to £125,171 in 2023
- Grants increased from £249,329 in 2022 to £269,387 in 2023
So our total funds decreased from £261,582 in 2022 to £231,472 in 2023.

This is also taking into account that Cheshire East CCG had an outstanding invoice of £39,000 during this accounting period.

The total expenditures for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 was £582,492.

So, all in all, it has been a difficult year financially, as it has been for many charities, and it doesn't look like we are out of the woods yet. However, despite the pressure on our finances we have been able to maintain a very full programme of activities.

Saying all of that I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have supported us this year. We really do appreciate everything that you give to keep our Charity going.

As you have read above, finding funding for the year has been tough and continues to be so, and we are so grateful to Pete Sacket (S4A fundraiser) and Cheryl Simpson MBE (CEO) who have worked, and continue to do so tirelessly, to bring in what they can from so many sources. No mean feat in the current circumstances, so a huge thank you to you both.

I'd also like to thank our amazing staff and volunteers who have yet again, worked so hard to make our Charity one of the best. Without your support, dedication and hard work, we wouldn't be able to offer the services we have this year. You are amazing!

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

In April 2021 Space4Autism became a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). A CIO is a new type of legal format for a registered charity. The intention is to afford charities limited liability without having to register as a limited company at Companies and as a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The reasons and benefits that made us decide to change the charity's status were as follows:

" is an incorporated form of charity which is not a limited company
" only has to register with the Charity Commission and not Companies House
" is only created once it is registered by the Charity Commission
" is a legal entity that can enter into contracts in its own right
" has trustees who will not have any liability for the debts of the CIO, in normal circumstances

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The organisational structure comprises the Board of Trustees (all volunteers with one selected as chairperson). There has to be a minimum of four Trustees but there is no maximum number.

The Trustees meet regularly during the year for full board meetings. All major policy, financial and operational decisions are decided by a majority of the Trustees. The constitution covers the structure and voting requirements.

A number of meetings, comprising a subset of Trustees, are arranged as and when necessary to discuss matters relating to specific topics.

Day to day operations:

Decision making, financial management and trust governance are all conducted in accordance with a fixed set of policies and guidelines.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1189689

Principal address

15-17 Mill Lane
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK11 7NN

Trustees

P Girdwood
A Prior
J McKellar
L Pope
L Killilea
K Rutherford (appointed 6.10.22)
D Bramwell (appointed 6.10.22)
L Beresford (appointed 6.10.22)

Independent Examiner

Mr Neil Kennington FCA
Heywood Shepherd
Chartered Accountants
1 Park Street
Macclesfield
Cheshire
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee 

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Space4Autism CIO
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Space4Autism CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Trust 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 applicable 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.



Mr Neil Kennington FCA

Heywood Shepherd
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11 July 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	111,767	282,790	394,557	685,564
Charitable activities	5				
Educational and club activities		18,095	4,758	22,853	3,366
Other activities		-	-	-	490
Other trading activities	3	32,405	(4,730)	27,675	29,137
Investment income	4	19,795	42,090	61,885	30,875
Other income		36,667	8,744	45,411	1,470
Total		218,729	333,652	552,381	750,902
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	14,367	-	14,367	14,319
Charitable activities	7				
Educational and club activities		3,598	11,257	14,855	4,719
Other activities		186,920	366,350	553,270	470,282
Total		204,885	377,607	582,492	489,320
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		13,844	(43,955)	(30,111)	261,582
Transfers between funds	15	54,795	(54,795)	-	-
Net movement in funds		68,639	(98,750)	(30,111)	261,582
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		93,136	168,446	261,582	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		161,775	69,696	231,471	261,582

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	18,591	11,077	29,668	42,587
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	1,251	-	1,251	-
Debtors	13	45,636	-	45,636	3,358
Cash at bank and in hand		109,971	64,471	174,442	230,094
		156,858	64,471	221,329	233,452
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(13,677)	(5,849)	(19,526)	(14,457)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		143,181	58,622	201,803	218,995
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		161,772	69,699	231,471	261,582
NET ASSETS		161,772	69,699	231,471	261,582
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				161,772	93,136
Restricted funds				69,699	168,446
TOTAL FUNDS				231,471	261,582

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SPACE4AUTISM CIO

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(53,380)	289,869
Interest paid		(744)	(632)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(54,124)	289,237
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,871)	(59,155)
Interest received		343	12
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,528)	(59,143)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(55,652)	230,094
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		230,094	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		174,442	230,094

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(30,111)**	261,582
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**14,790**	16,568
Interest received	**(343)**	(12)
Interest paid	**744**	632
Increase in stocks	**(1,251)**	-
Increase in debtors	**(42,278)**	(3,358)
Increase in creditors	**5,069**	14,457
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	**(53,380)**	289,869

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**230,094**	**(55,652)**	**174,442**
	230,094	**(55,652)**	**174,442**
Total	**230,094**	**(55,652)**	**174,442**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	125,170	189,445
Donation from Space4Autism	-	225,177
Grants	269,387	249,329
JRS grant	-	21,613
	394,557	685,564

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
General	450	8,087
Short Breaks	30,640	44,599
Galaxy Covid Recovery	(1,224)	10,392
Space4Carers Awards for All	10,000	9,700
Space4Carers Hub	5,846	7,344
Mather Family	-	2,500
Space Mates	20,890	7,680
Big Lottery	98,870	54,874
HAF	-	287
Drop In	(2,057)	-
Sister Gwen	5,198	5,190
Saturday Club	(600)	(1,200)
ECCCG	50,248	71,001
NHS England	(5,590)	19,981
Swallow Trust	-	12,000
M&C Trust	-	4,500
JRS Grant	-	(7,606)
Garfield Weston	20,000	-
CCF - Youth Space	7,564	-
Lucas Harrison Trust	15,000	-
NHS Videos	7,440	-
Apollo	6,712	-
	269,387	249,329

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,729	9,494
Shop income	1,259	1,546
Cafe income	21,687	18,097
	27,675	29,137

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Room hire income	61,542	30,863
Interest receivable - trading	343	12
	61,885	30,875

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
Club income	Educational and club activities	22,853	3,366
Club income	Other activities	-	490
		22,853	3,856

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising services	14,367	14,319

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs
	£
Educational and club activities	14,855
Other activities	553,270
	568,125

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	351,667	285,793
	351,667	285,793

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Staff	32	30

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	276,678	408,886	685,564
Charitable activities			
Educational and club activities	1,652	1,714	3,366
Other activities	-	490	490
Other trading activities	29,137	-	29,137
Investment income	15,630	15,245	30,875
Other income	970	500	1,470
Total	324,067	426,835	750,902
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	14,319	-	14,319
Charitable activities			
Educational and club activities	1,629	3,090	4,719
Other activities	212,586	257,696	470,282
Total	228,534	260,786	489,320
NET INCOME	95,533	166,049	261,582
Transfers between funds	(2,400)	2,400	-
Net movement in funds	93,133	168,449	261,582
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	93,133	168,449	261,582

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2022	9,110	32,481	11,040	6,524	59,155
Additions	-	1,111	-	760	1,871
At 31 March 2023	9,110	33,592	11,040	7,284	61,026
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2022	5,530	5,864	2,070	3,104	16,568
Charge for year	3,580	6,838	2,220	2,152	14,790
At 31 March 2023	9,110	12,702	4,290	5,256	31,358
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2023	-	20,890	6,750	2,028	29,668
At 31 March 2022	3,580	26,617	8,970	3,420	42,587

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12. STOCKS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks	1,251	-

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	39,000	-
Prepayments	6,636	3,358
	45,636	3,358

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,969	4,256
Taxation and social security	5,497	5,164
Other creditors	5,060	5,037
	19,526	14,457

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,266	3,921	57,515	72,702
Designated fund - Renovation Work	35,000	-	-	35,000
Designated fund - Lucas Harrison Trust	14,028	(6,871)	-	7,157
Designated fund - Swallow Trust	9,352	3,060	-	12,412
Designated fund - M&C Trust	4,792	(3,500)	-	1,292
Designated fund - Social Clubs	5,000	17,733	-	22,733
Minibus	13,698	(2,308)	(11,040)	350
Kitchen Wages	-	1,806	8,320	10,126
	93,136	13,841	54,795	161,772
Restricted funds				
Short Breaks	14,630	(16,659)	5,107	3,078
Big Lottery	5,643	(3,132)	-	2,511
Tudor Trust	11,774	(10,040)	-	1,734
Sister Gwen Space4Art	1,805	(2,242)	437	-
Saturday Club	13,934	(15,139)	1,205	-
ECCCG	42,476	(11,393)	(31,083)	-
Sensory Equipment	7,685	-	(7,685)	-
Friendship Group	8,320	-	(8,320)	-
NHS England	12,538	(13,022)	484	-
Broom Family	517	3,154	-	3,671
Riseley Medical	50	(50)	-	-
JDI Counselling	167	1,890	-	2,057
Apollo	9,926	(218)	-	9,708
Galaxy Covid Recovery	8,943	(3,328)	-	5,615
CRH	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
Space4Carers Awards for All	4,020	(194)	-	3,826
Space4Carers Hub	4,319	2,984	-	7,303
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Mather Family	1,458	(1,458)	-	-
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	8,241	1,951	-	10,192
1:1	3,000	(2,925)	-	75
Sir Jules Thorn	-	1,750	-	1,750
CCF - Youth Space	-	3,379	-	3,379
NHS Videos	-	4,940	(4,940)	-
Garfield Weston	-	14,800	-	14,800
	168,446	(43,952)	(54,795)	69,699
TOTAL FUNDS	261,582	(30,111)	-	231,471

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,354	(159,433)	3,921
Designated fund - Lucas Harrison Trust	15,001	(21,872)	(6,871)
Designated fund - Swallow Trust	15,000	(11,940)	3,060
Designated fund - M&C Trust	-	(3,500)	(3,500)
Designated fund - Social Clubs	17,875	(142)	17,733
Minibus	(1)	(2,307)	(2,308)
Kitchen Wages	7,500	(5,694)	1,806
	218,729	(204,888)	13,841
Restricted funds			
Short Breaks	33,207	(49,866)	(16,659)
Big Lottery	109,760	(112,892)	(3,132)
Tudor Trust	-	(10,040)	(10,040)
Sister Gwen Space4Art	5,804	(8,046)	(2,242)
Saturday Club	2,501	(17,640)	(15,139)
ECCCG	73,613	(85,006)	(11,393)
NHS England	724	(13,746)	(13,022)
Broom Family	7,499	(4,345)	3,154
Riseley Medical	-	(50)	(50)
JDI Counselling	3,600	(1,710)	1,890
Apollo	10,184	(10,402)	(218)
Galaxy Covid Recovery	(700)	(2,628)	(3,328)
CRH	-	(9,000)	(9,000)
Space4Carers Awards for All	9,280	(9,474)	(194)
Space4Carers Hub	9,286	(6,302)	2,984
Bright Ideas Cheshire	10,000	-	10,000
Mather Family	-	(1,458)	(1,458)
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	20,890	(18,939)	1,951
1:1	-	(2,925)	(2,925)
Sir Jules Thorn	3,000	(1,250)	1,750
CCF - Youth Space	7,564	(4,185)	3,379
NHS Videos	7,440	(2,500)	4,940
Garfield Weston	20,000	(5,200)	14,800
	333,652	(377,604)	(43,952)
TOTAL FUNDS	552,381	(582,492)	(30,111)

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,666	(2,400)	11,266
Designated fund - Renovation Work	35,000	-	35,000
Designated fund - Lucas Harrison Trust	14,028	-	14,028
Designated fund - Swallow Trust	9,352	-	9,352
Designated fund - M&C Trust	4,792	-	4,792
Designated fund - Social Clubs	5,000	-	5,000
Minibus	13,698	-	13,698
	95,536	(2,400)	93,136
Restricted funds			
Short Breaks	14,630	-	14,630
Big Lottery	5,643	-	5,643
Tudor Trust	11,774	-	11,774
Sister Gwen Space4Art	1,805	-	1,805
Saturday Club	13,934	-	13,934
ECCCG	42,476	-	42,476
Sensory Equipment	7,685	-	7,685
Friendship Group	8,320	-	8,320
NHS England	12,538	-	12,538
Broom Family	517	-	517
Riseley Medical	50	-	50
JDI Counselling	167	-	167
Apollo	9,926	-	9,926
Galaxy Covid Recovery	8,943	-	8,943
CRH	9,000	-	9,000
Space4Carers Awards for All	4,020	-	4,020
Space4Carers Hub	4,319	-	4,319
Bright Ideas Cheshire	(2,400)	2,400	-
Mather Family	1,458	-	1,458
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	8,241	-	8,241
1:1	3,000	-	3,000
	166,046	2,400	168,446
TOTAL FUNDS	261,582	-	261,582

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	216,995	(203,329)	13,666
Designated fund - Renovation Work	35,000	-	35,000
Designated fund - Lucas Harrison Trust	24,900	(10,872)	14,028
Designated fund - Swallow Trust	20,000	(10,648)	9,352
Designated fund - M&C Trust	8,000	(3,208)	4,792
Designated fund - Social Clubs	5,000	-	5,000
Minibus	14,172	(474)	13,698
	324,067	(228,531)	95,536
Restricted funds			
Short Breaks	54,555	(39,925)	14,630
Big Lottery	54,874	(49,231)	5,643
Drop In	7,296	(7,296)	-
Active Cheshire	1,450	(1,450)	-
Tudor Trust	25,467	(13,693)	11,774
Sister Gwen Space4Art	10,502	(8,697)	1,805
Saturday Club	23,821	(9,887)	13,934
ECCCG	107,135	(64,659)	42,476
Sensory Equipment	8,030	(345)	7,685
JRS Grant	14,008	(14,008)	-
Friendship Group	8,320	-	8,320
NHS England	32,085	(19,547)	12,538
Covid Support CEC	5,923	(5,923)	-
Broom Family	4,512	(3,995)	517
Royal Mencap Society	1,236	(1,236)	-
Riseley Medical	600	(550)	50
JDI Counselling	2,000	(1,833)	167
Apollo	10,296	(370)	9,926
Galaxy Covid Recovery	11,112	(2,169)	8,943
CRH	9,000	-	9,000
Space4Carers Awards for All	11,300	(7,280)	4,020
Space4Carers Hub	8,795	(4,476)	4,319
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	(2,400)	(2,400)
Mather Family	2,500	(1,042)	1,458
NHS England - Space Mates/Saturn	8,521	(280)	8,241
1:1	3,000	-	3,000
HAF	497	(497)	-
	426,835	(260,789)	166,046
TOTAL FUNDS	750,902	(489,320)	261,582

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	125,170	189,445
Donation from Space4Autism	-	225,177
Grants	269,387	249,329
JRS grant	-	21,613
	394,557	685,564
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4,729	9,494
Shop income	1,259	1,546
Cafe income	21,687	18,097
	27,675	29,137
Investment income		
Room hire income	61,542	30,863
Interest receivable - trading	343	12
	61,885	30,875
Charitable activities		
Club income	22,853	3,856
Other income		
Miscellaneous income	-	1,470
Recharged utilities	2,381	-
Recharged office costs	6,363	-
Training income	36,667	-
	45,411	1,470
Total incoming resources	552,381	750,902
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising services	14,367	14,319
Charitable activities		
Wages	351,667	285,793
Rent	42,211	37,750
Insurance	2,393	5,635
Water, electric and gas	7,473	6,252
Telephone	1,077	1,155
Printing, postage and stationery	7,610	5,676
Advertising	1,852	368
Sundries	6,266	5,619
Maintenance	12,961	6,852
Carried forward	433,510	355,100

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	433,510	355,100
Club running and consumables	28,743	27,376
Workshop delivery	7,348	11,567
Travel expenses	1,055	504
Subscriptions	432	930
Other	2,656	4,350
Social outings	13,045	1,662
Minibus expenses	3,083	2,668
Computer expenses	10,833	10,934
Clinicians fees	26,362	24,693
Accountancy	7,908	11,310
Legal fees	2,460	558
Professional fees	276	576
Training	12,768	2,936
HR and payroll services	1,441	600
Cleaning	260	264
Garden	411	1,773
Improvements	3,580	5,530
Fixtures and fittings	6,838	5,864
Motor vehicles	2,220	2,070
Computer equipment	2,152	3,104
Bank interest	737	632
Late payment interest	7	-
	568,125	475,001
Total resources expended	582,492	489,320
Net (expenditure)/income	(30,111)	261,582

SPACE4AUTISM

England & Wales - Charity number 1189689

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1189689

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
SPACE4AUTISM CIO

Heywood Shepherd
Chartered Accountants
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SPACE4AUTISM CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and purposes

Our mission is to promote social inclusion for the benefit of children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families principally but not exclusively within Cheshire East, who are socially excluded from society or parts of society because of ASC by:

- Providing education and information to support and enable parents of children/adults with ASC to maximise educational opportunities for their children/adults.
- Raising public awareness of the issues facing children and adults with ASC and their families, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion.
- Providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support.
- Providing recreational facilities and opportunities for children and adults with ASC and their families.

We are based within Cheshire East, but our information and educational services are for general public benefit. Therefore, our services are available to anyone able to attend our meetings or anyone that can access information on the internet.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities

We are an independent Cheshire based charity that provides a range of clubs, activities and services for children, young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and their families.

We began in 2005 when, as a group of parents of children with ASC, we got together to do something about the lack of support and services for families like ours. We felt isolated and excluded and feared for the future of our children.

We began meeting over a pub once a month with a handful of parents and in 2011 set up our 1st Social Skill Club for children aged 8-12yrs. In 2013 we moved to our first premises but outgrew this within 2yrs so moved again in 2015 to enable us to offer drop in sessions during the week whereby we invited professionals to come and speak to parents.

We moved to larger premises, in September 2017 due to increasing demand for our services. We now offer office and meeting room space, a sensory suite, sensory garden, art room and a community café.

Our HQ provides us with a number of rooms which means that we can run activities simultaneously and it even provides us with office space to sublet to complimentary services.
These include:
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Children and Adult Assessment and Diagnosis Team, assessing school age children and adults for ASC),
The DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) providing information and support
Just Drop In - providing counselling service for younger children with ASC

Our service:

We run a wide range of regular events, workshops and clubs for people with ASC of all ages and their families.
From April 2021 to March 2022 we ran the following projects either face to face or online, which were accessed by over 5,000 family members.

Space for Kids - a club for children aged 4yr to 8yr. Children affected by ASC often struggle to access mainstream activities such as football, cubs, and music clubs as they do not understand the context of social situations and need to have 1-1 support, which can also add a barrier to integration.

Fun Friday - a club for children between the ages of 10yr and 13yr. Fun Friday has a 'youth club' vibe and provides 'chill out time' at the end of the week, whilst offering valuable socialising opportunities.

Saturday Club - a club for children between the ages of 8yr and 11yr. The Saturday Club started following the overwhelming demand for our Fun Friday club!

Space for You - a club for teenagers providing valuable opportunities to developing skills for independence such as social interaction, relationship building and developing communication.

Space Mates - an additional club for children between the ages of 10yr and 13yr. Space Mates has a 'youth club' vibe and provides 'chill out time', whilst offering valuable socialising opportunities. Space Mates started following the overwhelming demand of Fun Friday.

Apollo - an additional club for children aged 4yr to 8yr. Children affected by ASC often struggle to access mainstream activities such as football, cubs, and music clubs as they do not understand the context of social situations and need to have 1-1 support, which can also add a barrier to integration. started following the overwhelming demand of Space for Kids.

Saturn Saturday - an additional club for children between the ages of 8yr and 11yr. Saturn Saturdays started following the overwhelming demand for our Saturday Club.

Mission Impossible - a club for children between the ages of 11yr and 16yrs to help with team building,

Galaxy Group - a social group for adults (18+). The group offers lots of social activities.

Yoga sessions - sessions for the whole family, catering for around 30 people fortnightly.

Space4Carers - We now offer a huge programme of activities for parent/carers of people with autism of all ages. This includes, Therapies, relaxation, trips out, residentials, workshops, cookery classes, quiz and bingo nights, lunch club, advice and support and social opportunities. These are run evenings, weekends and during the day to accommodate all carers including those that are in employment.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust - A monthly coffee morning for parent/carers.

Art Sessions - Using art media as a mode of expression and communication. Art is used in a way to address emotional issues which may be confusing and distressing for people with ASC. Space4Autism Art sessions also helps people to explore, understand and communicate their feelings. Space4Autism runs 3 adult and 1 childrens sessions once a week.

Open Space - a 'drop in' project for people of all ages with ASC, their families and professionals that might encounter autism as part of their roles. Open Monday to Thursday (10am-3pm) during term time, the project offers regular talks and advice from visiting professionals, support from our 'in house' team and a familiar place to meet other people affected by ASC or to meet with external agencies in a 'safe space.'

DWP - we work with the Department for Work and Pensions to offer 1:1 appointments for adults with ASC once a week.

S4A café (including new sensory café area) - our café is open 5 days a week to members and the public. It is staffed by a highly qualified chef supported by adults with ASC and volunteers. The aim, as well as serving quality, affordable food, is to promote the abilities of people with autism, to remove stigma and to promote inclusion to our wider community. Our new sensory café space offers a dark, quiet, peaceful place to enjoy the café for those with sensory issues (common with ASC).* closed from December - January due to pandemic. Due to demand we now offer a Frie-day breakfast club and also a free lunch club for parent/carers and adults with ASC once a week.

Occupational Therapy sessions - held once a month led by an ASC Occupational Therapist

Adult Hubs - we work with Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Adult Services) to provide monthly satellite 'drop in' services throughout Cheshire for adults with ASC.

Adult ASC Counselling service - we offer weekly 1:1 counselling appointments to our ASC adults

1:1 Targeted advice and support - we offer 1:1 appointments for parent/carers to come in for general advice and signpost onto other services if required.

Training programme - we have been commissioned for the 3rd year by our local Clinical Commissioning Group to develop, manage and deliver a wide-ranging training programme throughout Cheshire. The programme includes the Cygnet ASC Parenting Programme, sensory and sleep courses, positive behaviour management, autism awareness and much more. In addition, also offer a 0-4 years parenting programme which started Oct 2020.

Autism Awareness Training for Professionals - training for companies and other charities delivered by one of our adult ASC members.

Revive and Strive - an new outreach programme set up from Oct 2021 to help re-engage members and new members after the pandemic and an expansion of the very successful open space/drop in project.

Space for Talk - in conjunction with Just Drop In (another local charity) to enable us to deliver counselling to our younger members.

ASC Coffee, Cake, Chat and Learn Club - a new club set up in March 2022 to enable parent/cares of all ages to come in and speak to professionals in an informal environment. Professionals include: Cheshire East Parent, Carer Forum, Just Drop In, Disability Information Bureau, Local Area Co-ordinators, Educational Phycologist, Healthwatch and from May 2022 we will also have a speech and language therapist from the assessment and diagnosis team coming along each month.

Planning Ahead Workshop - delivered by Moneybox wills and trusts, to enable parent/carers to future proof their finances for themselves and the person they care for.

Childrens Cookery Classes - a monthly cookery club run by our award winning Chef and his team.

Gaming Activities - for ages 6-11yrs to come together and not just game but produce their own stories and work together on projects around gaming.

Campaigning - we work with our local MP and statutory services to ensure that the experiences of those that we support are represented.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Staff Team:

We now have 7 full time and 30 part-time staff:

- Chief Officer
- Operations Manager
- Club Manager
- 5 Club Team Senior Support Workers
- 13 Club Team Support Workers
- Club Admin Worker
- 5 Clinical Staff (Autism Training Skills Team)
- Charity Administrator
- Activities Co-ordinator
- bookings co-ordinator
- 2 x Revive and Strive Team
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Chef
- Kitchen Technician
- Housekeeper
- Caretaker

Trustees:

We have 6 trustees who, as well as bringing personal experience of autism, bring valuable experience from the fields of finance, HR, child and community care, business, operations management and safeguarding, they also volunteer a lot of their own time.

Many of the original founders are still actively involved. We consider this a real strength because as well as bringing professional, complimentary skills and knowledge, they bring a shared history, experience, passion and commitment to Space4Autism which is at the heart of everything we do.

Volunteers

We had 69 volunteers during this accounting year supporting a wide range of activity. They contributed a total of 7,020 hours during this financial year. Using the living wage of £8.91 per hour as a guide, this means that our volunteers gave time to the value of £62,548.00 during the year.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We are members of or affiliated with:-

- Community and Voluntary Services (CVS) Cheshire East
- Youth Fed
- Macclesfield Chamber of Commerce
- Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW)
- Connect, Lead and Learn
- Community Cohesion - in conjunction with Cheshire Police
- BNI
- Leaders council of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Cheshire East Social, Action Partnership (CESAP)
- Community, Mental Health and Transformation Group
- Open2Autism, Macclesfield Hospital

We are commissioned by:

- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCCG)
- NHS England
- The Growth Company - we are a supply chain partner

Purchasing locally:

We have a policy of purchasing locally whenever possible - around 30% of our annual spend goes to local suppliers.

Environmental impact

We use The Green Office Checklist - a self-evaluation tool, which helps us to assess the environmental performance of our work. The Checklist gives us clear directions for improvement. It asks questions to measure our level of "Green" performance.

It is a comprehensive checklist comprising of 65 questions relating to various environmental topics such as paper usage, energy efficiency, office supplies, general office activities, recycling, transport, Health and Safety and the process for implementation of all of our activities. We scored positive responses to 49 question - equating to 75%. This is an increase of 15% over the last 12 months.

We are pleased with our progress and we will continue to use the Green Office Checklist on a regular basis to improve our performance over the coming months.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Project delivery

Key findings - in the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022:

This is our 1st Year of being a CIO and we have again seen rapid growth; at the start of this accounting period (April 2021) we had 4,126 members. We now support 5,313 members - an increase of 1187 (22.5%) in 12 months.

Our members are broken down into the following age categories
Under 4 - 179
4 to 8 - 592
9 to 11 - 452
12 to 14 - 434
15 to 18 - 263
19 to 25 - 261
26 to 64 - 2467
65+ - 87
Unknown - 578

Of these 446 are adults with ASC and 1090 are children with ASC.

We had a total of 10,239 attendances at our sessions.

We have made over 16,023 'individual contacts' with members via email, letters and social media etc. In addition, we send out weekly updates to over 3,500 mailing list subscribers.

We have delivered intensive sessions with 3,618 individuals in the following areas:-
Housing - 5
Finances - 24
Behaviour - 56
Education 52
Info and advice - 794
Employment and volunteering - 105
workshops/training - 620
Sleep advice - 30
Carers support - 256
Social Opportunities - 1451
Therapeutic Support - 139
Diagnosis - 58
Health and Wellbeing - 28

- 32 staff/volunteers attended safeguarding training
- 1 member of staff completed their certificate in Counselling Level 2
- 15 completed their First Aid Training
- 1 attended a course on Behaviour that challenges
- 1 gained a Degree in Autism Spectrum Conditions
- 1 gained a qualification in Mental Health Awareness Level 2
- 2 completed Prevent Training
- 1 completed SEND Code of Practice Course
- 1 completed Supporting Children with Send Course
- 1 gained a qualification in Allergy Awareness Level 2
- 11 attended Allergy Awareness Basic Training
- 2 attended a course on Equality and Diversity
- 1 attended a course on Infection Control
- 1 gained a qualification in Equality and Diversity Level 2
- We employed a booking co-ordinator, 2 outreach workers, a receptionist, a club manager , a volunteer co-ordinator and more club support workers for our social clubs.

New services and activities:
- Space mates
- Apollo
- Saturn Saturdays
- Space4Carers - made into a lot larger project during 2021/22
- Art clubs - 2 new additional groups
- Frie-day breakfast club
- Relaunched cookery classes
- Lunch clubs for parent/cares and adults with ASC
- Outreach project (Revive and Strive)
- Carers coffee, cake, chat and learn club
- Planning ahead workshops
- Gaming Club

Awards and supporter activities:

Won "Outstanding Contribution" at the Cheshire East Adults and Children Safeguarding and Dignity Awards 2021

Friends that Do selected us as their Charity of the Year

Captains Charity Day 2021 - Green Shooters Golf Club

We were selected as Charity of the Year by Iceland Foods and other local businesses, due to pandemic this was delayed till Aug 2021

Award to Georgia Mallia our Club Manager - Health and Wellbeing from Everybody Sports and Recreation

Diamond Award from Cheshire East Council for Community Groups and Organisations

Successfully recruited into the Pilotlight project

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

April 2021 to March 2022

We would not be able to deliver our services without the support of our funders - a massive 'thank you' to the following:

Trusts and foundations:

The Tudor Trust
UKH Foundation
Hilary Awdry Charitable Trust
Broome Family Charitable Trust
Steven Bloch Image of Disability Charity Trust
Grey Court Trust
Emerson Foundation
M & C Trust
Geoff's Ludford Charitable Trust
Risley Medical
Sister Gwen Appleton Charitable Trust
Pilkington General Charity Fund
Cheshire Community Foundation
Card Factory Foundation
The Denham Charitable Trust
The Lucas Harrison Trust
W O Street Charitable Foundation
The Edward Gostling Foundation
Garfield Weston Foundation
St James Place Charitable Foundation
The Charles Sharland Trust
Children in Need
The Peoples Health Trust
The Lee & Bakirgian Family Trust
The Gladys Wightwick Charitable Trust
David Solomons Charitable Trust
The Poynton Foundation
The Suiter Charitable Trust
The Marsh Christian Trust
Hazel & Leslie Peskin Charitable Trust
The Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust
Christadelphian Samaritan Foundation
The John and Susan Bowers Fund
The Bennett Family Grant Making Charity
Rycroft Childrens Fund
The Swallow Trust
Active Cheshire
CRH Charitable Trust
Barbara Ward Childrens Foundation
The Douglas Arter Foundation
St Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
The Equilibrium Foundation
WH Smith Charitable Trust
Miss Jo Torrington Childrens Fund
The N Smith Charitable Settlement
The Bain Charitable Trust
Blackwood Engineering Trust
The David Family Foundation
The Alan Jenkin Stokes Memorial Trust
The Orchard Trust
Beryl & Peter Collins Charitable Trust
The Lynn Foundation
Holbeck Charitable Trust
The Bryan Lancaster Trust
Woodroffe Benton Foundation
The BB Charitable Foundation

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

The Irving Memorial Trust
The Hobson Charity Limited
The Culra Charitable Trust
Joan Wilkinson Charitable Trust
Ordinary People Intering Lives
Pennycress Trust
Royal London
The Nagel Family Foundation
The Zochonis Charitable Trust
Evelyn May Trust
Brian Wilson Charitable Trust
The Mosse Charitable Settlement
Medicash Foundation
The Henty C Hoare Charitable Trust

Other funders:
Cheshire East Council - Short Breaks
Cheshire East Council - Covid-19 Response and Recovery Grant
Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS England
Spinners Arms
AstraZeneca Unite
Macclesfield Town Council
Mencap
Friends that Do
BNI Silk
B&Q Macclesfield
Green Shooters Golf Club
Pilotlight
Beech Hall School
TK Maxx and HomeSense
Macclesfield & District Lions/Dads that Run - Matt & Tom
C Berrett
Little Green Harvest Company
S Roche
J Terrington
H Bayley & L Trafford
National Lottery Community Fund/Reaching
Communities and Awards for All
NCompass - Carers Choice
Tytherington Pharmacy
Co-op
Tesco Community Fund
Jodrell Bank
Macclesfield College
Yorkshire Building Society
Moneybox Wills and Trusts
Redesmere Sailing Club
RocketWham
Chelford Primary School
Arnold Clarke
P Bickerdyke
Rolph and Co Photography
Manchester Wheelers
A Watkins
Fragrance Direct
Anfield Agenda
M & L Beresford (Born survivor 2022 team)

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Referring partners and agencies

We are committed to partnership working, sharing knowledge and resources to support the people we serve.

External project partners:
Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
CaMHS - Children and Adult Mental Health Services
Professional drop in attendee's including: Occupational Therapy, Sleep Clinic, Speech and Language Therapy, Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT), Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS), Disability Information Bureau, Local Area Co-ordinator, Just Drop In, New Leaf.
Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust.
Living Autism - delivery of educational workshops.
Cheshire East Council - commissioning of Short Break Social Skills clubs for children and young people aged 5-18.
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services Cheshire East
Youth Federation
Cheshire East Carers Hub.
Healthwatch.
Healthbox.
Adult Social Care.
Family Support Workers.
Local Schools.
Cheshire-Online.
Social Prescribers.
Cheshire East SEND Team.
DWP
The Growth Company
Local GP Practices
Smart Bright Training and Consultancy
Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
Circus Starr

Financial review

Financial position

The Charity started this financial year cautiously due to the upheaval and uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic; being mindful of the safety of our staff, volunteers, and members. The way that the charity has been brought back up to full strength since has been amazing and very well planned and executed by those involved, especially on the back of the outstanding support and work behind the scenes during the lock downs, where we continued to offer as much support as possible to the members whilst the charity's doors were shut. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved throughout lockdown and throughout the year for their amazing dedication, patience and care. The Trustees would also like to thank all the members for their patience and understanding whilst we have built the charity's services and offerings back up to full strength. Despite the pandemic Space4Autism has started new initiatives, developed others and our programme of Outreach work has proved to be highly successful.

The total expenditure for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 was £489,320

Donations have increased this year from £65,000 in 2021 to £189,436 in 2022. Grants have increased from £121,584 in 2021 to £249,329 in 2022. There was also money received from the Job Retention Scheme; support from the Government to fund 80% of employee's wages who have been furloughed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was £44,073 in 2021 and £21,613 in 2022.

The total funds have increased during the year from £226,919 in 2021 to £261,582 in 2022, which is an approximate 15% increase, which is staggering achievement!

Funding for salaries is difficult as Trusts commonly prefer their donations are not used for salaries; we are grateful for the efforts of Peter Sackett (fundraiser) and Cheryl Simpson (CEO) for their efforts in continuing to seek this funding. Without their enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work, we wouldn't be where we are now and be able offer the huge range of services to our members, so thank you again.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Reserves policy

The charity will ideally hold unrestricted general reserves that total six months running costs. These funds will be viewed as an emergency fund (i.e. loss of vital funding) and will be used only at the discretion of the Trustees. Unfortunately, at the year end this has not been met. Estimated unrestricted running costs for the next 6 months are expected to be £80,000. However, after taking account of designated funds there are no free funds available at the balance sheet date.

The general reserve fund will be achieved by attracting unrestricted funds from a variety of funding streams including: Trusts; Commissioned Services and Council Funding; Companies; Trading, including café, training and consultancy; Events; Community Fundraising and Individual Donations.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves

	2022 £
Total funds held	**261,582**
Restricted funds	**168,446**
Designated funds	**63,172**
Funds utilised for fixed assets	**32,270**
Free funds	**(2,306)**

Our plans for 2022/2023

- To continue to deliver and expand all of the projects outlined earlier in this report.
- To re-brand and promote the S4A café to the wider community and offer local charities more opportunity to attend.
- To continue all of the activities that we offered in 2021-22.
- To implement and run 1 new social clubs for children with ASC as we are still over subscribed
- To implement and run a new toddler group for pre-school children.
- To implement and run a friendship group for children with ASC 8-16yrs
- To recruit a 3rd additional counsellor to offer counselling sessions to parent/carers and ASC adults
- To implement more fitness sessions ie Zumba, bootcamp and Bocci
- To implement a new walking group with Blackdog activities.
- To implement a new afterschool club "Pizza and Play"
- To start looking at the extension to our building with our landlords.
- To hire out our smaller counselling room to other services.
- To Open the S4A café from 7am rather than 10am to capture the footfall going to work in the mornings.
- To update IT equipment to enhance the gaming club.
- To implement a 2nd afterschool club later in the year with a physical element.
- To implement coaching/mentoring for the management team.
- To have an away day with the board of trustees to develop the business plan.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

In April 2021 Space4Autism became a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). A CIO is a new type of legal format for a registered charity. The intention is to afford charities limited liability without having to register as a limited company at Companies and as a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The reasons and benefits that made us decide to change the charity's status to a CIO were because a CIO:

" is an incorporated form of charity which is not a limited company
" only has to register with the Charity Commission and not Companies House
" is only created once it is registered by the Charity Commission
" is a legal entity that can enter into contracts in its own right
" has trustees who will not have any liability for the debts of the CIO, in normal circumstances

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The organisational structure comprises the Board of Trustees (all volunteers with one selected as chairperson). There has to be a minimum of four Trustees but there is no maximum number.

The Trustees meet regularly during the year for full board meetings. All major policy, financial and operational decisions are decided by a majority of the Trustees. The constitution covers the structure and voting requirements.

A number of meetings, comprising a subset of Trustees, are arranged as and when necessary to discuss matters relating to specific topics.

Day to day operations:

Decision making, financial management and trust governance are all conducted in accordance with a fixed set of policies and guidelines.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
(England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1189689

Registered office
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Space4Autism CIO
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Space4Autism CIO for the year ended 31 March 2022.

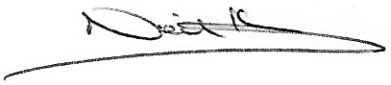
Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 the Trust 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 applicable 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.



Mr Neil Kennington
FCA
Heywood Shepherd
Chartered Accountants
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3 October 2022

SPACE4AUTISM CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	2	276,678	408,886	685,564
Charitable activities				
Educational and club activities		1,652	1,714	3,366
Other activities		-	490	490
Other trading activities	3	29,137	-	29,137
Investment income	4	15,630	15,245	30,875
Other income		970	500	1,470
Total		324,067	426,835	750,902
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	6	14,319	-	14,319
Charitable activities	7			
Educational and club activities		1,629	3,090	4,719
Other activities		212,586	257,696	470,282
Total		228,534	260,786	489,320
NET INCOME		95,533	166,049	261,582
Transfers between funds	14	(2,400)	2,400	-
Net movement in funds		93,133	168,449	261,582
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		93,133	168,449	261,582

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	11	**32,270**	**10,317**	**42,587**
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	12	**3,358**	**-**	**3,358**
Cash at bank and in hand		**71,965**	**158,129**	**230,094**
		75,323	**158,129**	**233,452**
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	13	**(14,457)**	**-**	**(14,457)**
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**60,866**	**158,129**	**218,995**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**93,136**	**168,446**	**261,582**
NET ASSETS		**93,136**	**168,446**	**261,582**
FUNDS	14			
Unrestricted funds				**93,136**
Restricted funds				**168,446**
TOTAL FUNDS				**261,582**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	1	289,869
Interest paid		(632)
Net cash provided by operating activities		289,237
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(59,155)
Interest received		12
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(59,143)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		230,094
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		230,094

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**261,582**
Adjustments for:	
Depreciation charges	**16,568**
Interest received	**(12)**
Interest paid	**632**
Increase in debtors	**(3,358)**
Increase in creditors	**14,457**
Net cash provided by operations	**289,869**

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	-	230,094	230,094
	-	230,094	230,094
Total	-	230,094	230,094

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	£
Gifts	9
Donations	189,436
Donation from Space4Autism old charity	225,177
Grants	249,329
JRS grant	21,613
	685,564

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	£
General	8,087
Short Breaks	44,599
Galaxy Covid Recovery	10,392
Space4Carers Awards for All	9,700
Space4Carers Hub	7,344
The Mather Family	2,500
Space Mates	7,680
Big Lottery	54,874
HAF	287
Sister Gwen	5,190
Saturday Club	(1,200)
ECCCG	71,001
NHS England	19,981
Swallow Trust	12,000
M&C Trust	4,500
JRS grant	(7,606)
	249,329

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	£
Fundraising events	9,494
Shop income	1,546
Cafe income	18,097
	29,137

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	£
Room hire income	30,863
Interest receivable - trading	12
	30,875

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	£
Club income	Educational and club activities	3,366
Club income	Other activities	490
		3,856

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	£
Fundraising services	14,319

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs
	£
Educational and club activities	4,719
Other activities	470,282
	475,001

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	£
Depreciation - owned assets	16,568

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS

	£
Wages and salaries	285,793
	285,793

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
Additions	9,110	32,481	11,040	6,524	59,155
DEPRECIATION					
Charge for year	5,530	5,864	2,070	3,104	16,568
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2022	3,580	26,617	8,970	3,420	42,587

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Prepayments	3,358

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Trade creditors	4,256
Social security and other taxes	5,164
Accrued expenses	5,037
	14,457

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,666	(2,400)	11,266
Designated fund - Renovation Work	35,000	-	35,000
Designated fund - Lucas Harrison Trust	14,028	-	14,028
Designated fund - Swallow Trust	9,352	-	9,352
Designated - M&C Trust	4,792	-	4,792
Social Clubs	5,000	-	5,000
Minibus	13,698	-	13,698
	95,536	(2,400)	93,136
Restricted funds			
Short Breaks	14,630	-	14,630
Big Lottery	5,643	-	5,643
Tudor Trust	11,774	-	11,774
Sister Gwen Space4Art	1,805	-	1,805
Saturday Club	13,934	-	13,934
ECCCG	42,476	-	42,476
Sensory Equipment	7,685	-	7,685
Friendship Group	8,320	-	8,320
NHS England	12,538	-	12,538
Broom Family	517	-	517
Riseley Medical	50	-	50
JDI Counselling	167	-	167
Apollo	9,926	-	9,926
Galaxy Covid Recovery	8,943	-	8,943
CRH	9,000	-	9,000
Space4Carers Awards for All	4,020	-	4,020
Space4Carers Hub	4,319	-	4,319
Bright Ideas Cheshire	(2,400)	2,400	-
The Mather Family	1,458	-	1,458
Space Mates	8,241	-	8,241
1:1	3,000	-	3,000
	166,046	2,400	168,446
TOTAL FUNDS	261,582	-	261,582

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	216,995	(203,329)	13,666
Designated fund - Renovation Work	35,000	-	35,000
Designated fund - Lucas Harrison Trust	24,900	(10,872)	14,028
Designated fund - Swallow Trust	20,000	(10,648)	9,352
Designated - M&C Trust	8,000	(3,208)	4,792
Social Clubs	5,000	-	5,000
Minibus	14,172	(474)	13,698
	324,067	(228,531)	95,536
Restricted funds			
Short Breaks	54,555	(39,925)	14,630
Big Lottery	54,874	(49,231)	5,643
Drop In	7,296	(7,296)	-
Active Cheshire	1,450	(1,450)	-
Tudor Trust	25,467	(13,693)	11,774
Sister Gwen Space4Art	10,502	(8,697)	1,805
Saturday Club	23,821	(9,887)	13,934
ECCCG	107,135	(64,659)	42,476
Sensory Equipment	8,030	(345)	7,685
JRS Grant	14,008	(14,008)	-
Friendship Group	8,320	-	8,320
NHS England	32,085	(19,547)	12,538
Covid Support CEC	5,923	(5,923)	-
Broom Family	4,512	(3,995)	517
Royal Mencap Society	1,236	(1,236)	-
Riseley Medical	600	(550)	50
JDI Counselling	2,000	(1,833)	167
Apollo	10,296	(370)	9,926
Galaxy Covid Recovery	11,112	(2,169)	8,943
CRH	9,000	-	9,000
Space4Carers Awards for All	11,300	(7,280)	4,020
Space4Carers Hub	8,795	(4,476)	4,319
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	(2,400)	(2,400)
The Mather Family	2,500	(1,042)	1,458
Space Mates	8,521	(280)	8,241
1:1	3,000	-	3,000
HAF	497	(497)	-
	426,835	(260,789)	166,046
TOTAL FUNDS	750,902	(489,320)	261,582

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

16. CHANGE OF STRUCTURE

Prior to April 2021 Space4Autism operated as a charity (number 1141860). On 1 April 2021 they changed their structure and became a CIO (charity number 1189689). All assets and liabilities from the old charity were transferred at this date to the new CIO and have been treated as a donation from the old charity to the CIO within the accounts.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	
Donations and legacies	
Gifts	9
Donations	189,436
Donation from Space4Autism old charity	225,177
Grants	249,329
JRS grant	21,613
	685,564
Other trading activities	
Fundraising events	9,494
Shop income	1,546
Cafe income	18,097
	29,137
Investment income	
Room hire income	30,863
Interest receivable - trading	12
	30,875
Charitable activities	
Club income	3,856
Other income	
Miscellaneous income	1,470
Total incoming resources	750,902
EXPENDITURE	
Raising donations and legacies	
Fundraising services	14,319
Charitable activities	
Wages	285,793
Rent	37,750
Insurance	5,635
Water, electric and gas	6,252
Telephone	1,155
Printing, postage and stationery	5,676
Advertising	368
Sundries	5,619
Maintenance	6,852
Club running and consumables	27,376
Workshop delivery	11,567
Travel expenses	504
Subscriptions	930
Other	4,350
Carried forward	399,827

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	£
Charitable activities	
Brought forward	399,827
Social outings	1,662
Minibus expenses	2,668
Computer expenses	10,934
Clinicians fees	24,693
Accountancy	11,310
Legal fees	558
Professional fees	576
Training	2,936
HR and payroll services	600
Cleaning	264
Garden	1,773
Depn of improvements to property	5,530
Fixtures and fittings	5,864
Motor vehicles	2,070
Computer equipment	3,104
Bank interest	632
	475,001
Total resources expended	489,320
Net income	261,582

SPACE4AUTISM

England & Wales - Charity number 1189689

Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2020 Period start date To 31st March 2021 Period end date

Charity name: Space4Autism

Charity registration number:1189689
Note: Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021
Therefore you can see the annual return for this period on our charity nos:1141860

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference		
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1.1	The objects of the CIO are the promotion of social inclusion for the benefit of children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families principally but not exclusively within the area of Cheshire East Borough Council, who are socially excluded from society or parts of society as a result of ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition) by: (a) providing education and information to support and enable parents of children and adults with ASC to maximise educational opportunities for their offspring; (b) raising public awareness of the issues affecting children and adults with ASC and their families, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion; (c) providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support; (d) providing recreational facilities and opportunities for

		children and adults with ASC and their families.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		**Space4Autism CIO did not start trading until 1st April 2021**
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Trust Deed**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	At every [subsequent] annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, all of the trustees will retire 13.3 Those seeking re election will be put to the members 'vote 13.4 Any vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in clause 13.5, below; 13.5 The members or the trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new trustee, whether in place of a trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of trustees), or as an additional trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12.3 on the number of trustees would not as a result be exceeded; 13.6 A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of clauses 13.2 and 13.3. A person so appointed by the trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	**Information for new trustees** 14.1. The trustees will make available to each new trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and

		statement of accounts.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**n/a**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**n/a**
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Space4Autism CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1189689
Charity's principal address	15-17 Mill Lane Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7NN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pauline Girdwood	Chair	1st April 2020	
2	Angela Louise Paula Prior	Deputy Chair	1st April 2020	
3	Lauren Elaine Janine Killilia	Trustee/Legal	1st April 2020	
4	John McKellar	Trustee/Treasurer	1st April 2020	
5	Laura Pope	Trustee/HR	1st April 2020	
6	Nadia Ezzamel	Trustee	1st April 2020	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Cheryl Jane Simpson MBE – Chief Executive Officer

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P. Girdwood.	
Full name(s)	Pauline Girdwood	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	

Date	25th January 2022