

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

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

The Irving Memorial Trust  
The Hobson Charity Limited  
The Culra Charitable Trust  
Joan Wilkinson Charitable Trust  
Ordinary People Interling 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)

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**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.



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**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

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**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**

15-17 Mill Lane  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire  
SK11 7NN

**Trustees**

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**Independent Examiner**

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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**

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**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').

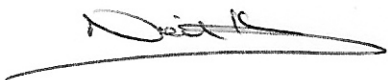
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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.



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3 October 2022

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

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

## SPACE4AUTISM CIO

BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2022

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

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

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

**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	<u>14,457</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>289,869</u>

**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	<u>-</u>	<u>230,094</u>	<u>230,094</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>230,094</u>	<u>230,094</u>
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>230,094</u>	<u>230,094</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**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	<u>21,613</u>
	<u>685,564</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**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	
	<u>(7,606)</u>
	<u>249,329</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	£
Fundraising events	9,494
Shop income	1,546
Cafe income	<u>18,097</u>
	<u>29,137</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	£
Room hire income	30,863
Interest receivable - trading	<u>12</u>
	<u>30,875</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	£
Club income	Educational and club activities	3,366
Club income	Other activities	<u>490</u>
		<u>3,856</u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS**

<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>	£
Fundraising services	<u>14,319</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs	£
Educational and club activities		4,719
Other activities		<u>470,282</u>
		<u>475,001</u>

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>16,568</u>

**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	<u>285,793</u>
	<u>285,793</u>

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Prepayments	<u>3,358</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
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
	<u>95,536</u>	<u>(2,400)</u>	<u>93,136</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
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
	<u>166,046</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>168,446</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>261,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,582</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
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
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>750,902</b>	<b>(489,320)</b>	<b>261,582</b>

**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.

**SPACE4AUTISM CIO**

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

	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>	
<b>Donations and legacies</b>	
Gifts	9
Donations	189,436
Donation from Space4Autism old charity	225,177
Grants	249,329
JRS grant	<u>21,613</u>
	685,564
<b>Other trading activities</b>	
Fundraising events	9,494
Shop income	1,546
Cafe income	<u>18,097</u>
	29,137
<b>Investment income</b>	
Room hire income	30,863
Interest receivable - trading	<u>12</u>
	30,875
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Club income	3,856
<b>Other income</b>	
Miscellaneous income	<u>1,470</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>750,902</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>	
Fundraising services	14,319
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
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	<u>399,827</u>

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

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	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
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
	<u>475,001</u>
 Total resources expended	 <u>489,320</u>
 Net income	 <u><u>261,582</u></u>