

Charity registration number: 1189689

Space4Autism CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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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 public. 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 Psychology 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.

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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.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

- 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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

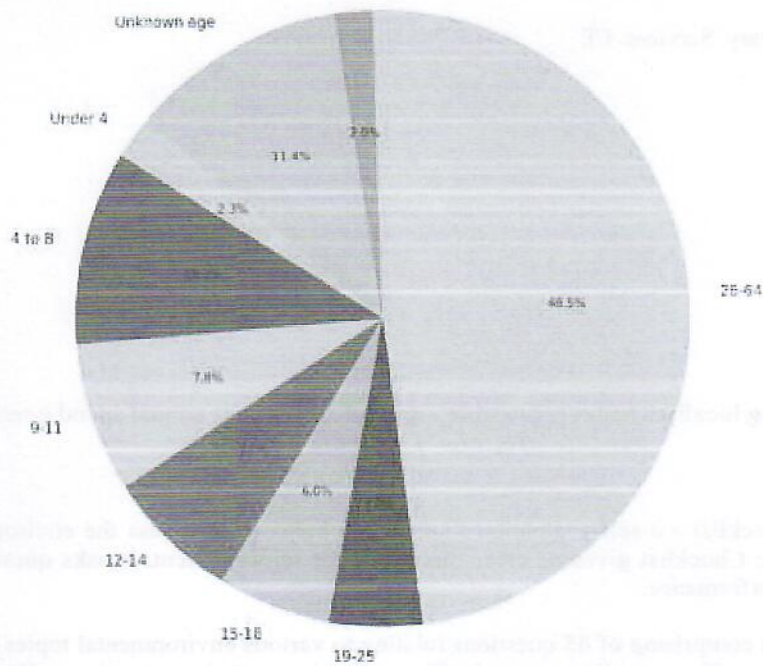
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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:



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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.

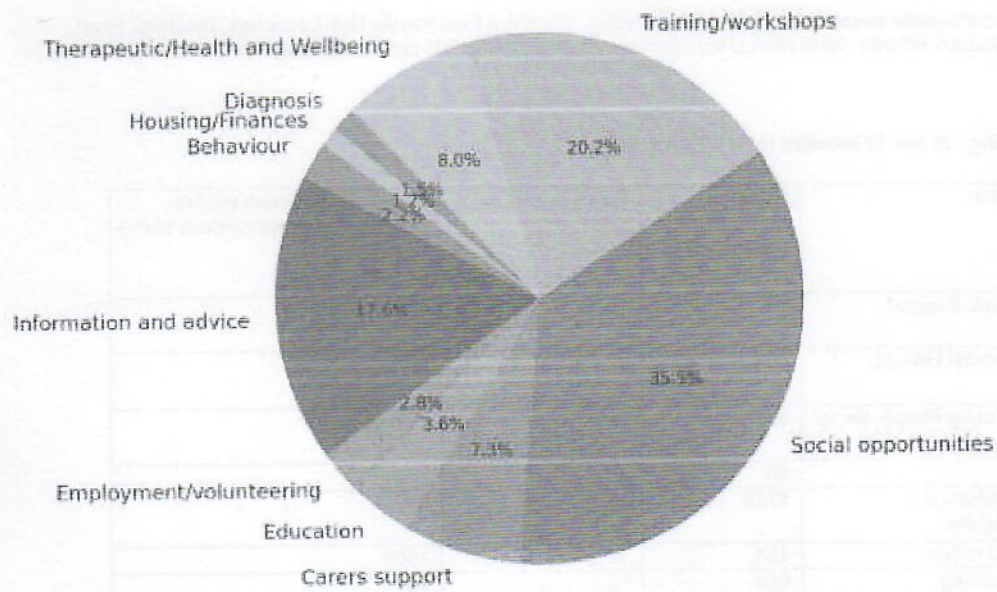
Charitylog finding - in the 12 months to 31st March 2024

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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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



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Trustees' Report (continued)

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.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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

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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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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.

Our 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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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)
	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

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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 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
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 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

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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		<u>203,883</u>	<u>381,530</u>	<u>585,413</u>	<u>552,381</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(12,149)	(3,348)	(15,497)	(14,367)
Charitable activities		<u>(193,414)</u>	<u>(370,567)</u>	<u>(563,981)</u>	<u>(568,125)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(205,563)</u>	<u>(373,915)</u>	<u>(579,478)</u>	<u>(582,492)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,680)	7,615	5,935	(30,111)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(18,756)</u>	<u>18,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(20,436)	26,371	5,935	(30,111)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>161,772</u>	<u>69,699</u>	<u>231,471</u>	<u>261,582</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>141,336</u>	<u>96,070</u>	<u>237,406</u>	<u>231,471</u>

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

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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		<u>213,932</u>	<u>174,442</u>
		232,180	221,329
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(16,026)</u>	<u>(19,526)</u>
Net current assets		<u>216,154</u>	<u>201,803</u>
Net assets		<u>237,406</u>	<u>231,471</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		96,070	69,699
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>141,336</u>	<u>161,772</u>
Total funds	13	<u>237,406</u>	<u>231,471</u>

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
Trustee

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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		<u>8,416</u>	<u>14,790</u>
		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	<u>(7,641)</u>	<u>5,069</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		39,490	(53,781)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisitions of tangible assets		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,871)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		39,490	(55,652)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>174,442</u>	<u>230,094</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>213,932</u></u>	<u><u>174,442</u></u>

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

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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.

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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.

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

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
	<u>415,762</u>	<u>394,557</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Club income	<u>15,105</u>	<u>22,853</u>

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
	<u>37,942</u>	<u>27,675</u>

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5 Investment income

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

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising trading costs;		
Fundraising	<u>15,497</u>	<u>14,367</u>
	<u>15,497</u>	<u>14,367</u>

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.

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

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

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	<u>24</u>	<u>32</u>

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	<u>9,110</u>	<u>33,592</u>	<u>11,040</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>61,026</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,110</u>	<u>33,592</u>	<u>11,040</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>61,026</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	9,110	12,703	4,290	5,255	31,358
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>5,226</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,510</u>	<u>8,416</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,110</u>	<u>17,929</u>	<u>5,970</u>	<u>6,765</u>	<u>39,774</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>5,070</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>21,252</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>20,889</u>	<u>6,750</u>	<u>2,029</u>	<u>29,668</u>

10 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	<u>2,450</u>	<u>1,251</u>

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11 Debtors

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

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
	<u>16,026</u>	<u>19,526</u>

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	<u>89,071</u>	<u>95,331</u>	<u>(79,077)</u>	<u>(46,515)</u>	<u>58,810</u>
Total unrestricted funds	161,772	203,883	(205,563)	(18,756)	141,336
Restricted funds	<u>69,699</u>	<u>381,530</u>	<u>(373,915)</u>	<u>18,756</u>	<u>96,070</u>
Total funds	<u>231,471</u>	<u>585,413</u>	<u>(579,478)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,406</u>

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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
	<u>89,071</u>	<u>95,331</u>	<u>(79,077)</u>	<u>(46,515)</u>	<u>58,810</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>161,772</u>	<u>203,883</u>	<u>(205,563)</u>	<u>(18,756)</u>	<u>141,336</u>
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

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	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 622	-	-	(13)	13	-
	-	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
	<u>69,699</u>	<u>381,530</u>	<u>(373,915)</u>	<u>18,756</u>	<u>96,070</u>
Total funds	<u>231,471</u>	<u>585,413</u>	<u>(579,478)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,406</u>
	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	<u>81,870</u>	<u>55,375</u>	<u>(45,453)</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>	<u>89,071</u>
Total unrestricted funds	93,136	218,727	(204,886)	54,795	161,772
Restricted funds	<u>168,446</u>	<u>333,654</u>	<u>(377,606)</u>	<u>(54,795)</u>	<u>69,699</u>
Total funds	<u>261,582</u>	<u>552,381</u>	<u>(582,492)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,471</u>

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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
	<u>81,870</u>	<u>55,375</u>	<u>(45,453)</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>	<u>89,071</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>93,136</u>	<u>218,727</u>	<u>(204,886)</u>	<u>54,795</u>	<u>161,772</u>
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

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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
	<u>168,446</u>	<u>333,654</u>	<u>(377,606)</u>	<u>(54,795)</u>	<u>69,699</u>
Total funds	<u>261,582</u>	<u>552,381</u>	<u>(582,492)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,471</u>

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 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	<u>585,413</u>	<u>552,381</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(15,497)	(14,367)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(563,981)	(568,125)
Total expenditure	<u>(579,478)</u>	<u>(582,492)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>5,935</u>	<u>(30,111)</u>
Net movement in funds	5,935	(30,111)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>231,471</u>	<u>261,582</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>237,406</u>	<u>231,471</u>

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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
	<u>415,762</u>	<u>394,557</u>
Charitable activities		
Club income	15,105	22,853
	<u>15,105</u>	<u>22,853</u>
Other trading activities		
Cafe income	31,815	21,687
Fundraising events	4,963	4,729
Shop income	1,164	1,259
	<u>37,942</u>	<u>27,675</u>
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	319	344
Room hire income	51,079	61,541
	<u>51,398</u>	<u>61,885</u>
Other income		
Recharged utilities and office costs	7,632	8,745
Training income	57,574	36,666
	<u>65,206</u>	<u>45,411</u>
Raising funds		
Fundraising services	(15,497)	(14,367)
	<u>(15,497)</u>	<u>(14,367)</u>

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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)
	<u>(563,981)</u>	<u>(568,125)</u>