

Registered Charity Number: 1196327

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Mary Briggs (Chair) Claire Haley Katie Suzan Lynn O'Bryan Judith Hutchings (appointed September 2023) Sabrina Verde (appointed September 2023)
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Company Name	St Augustine's under 5's
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Registered Office	Charlton Close Hoddesdon Hertfordshire EN11 8DR
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Registered Charity Number	1196327
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Independent Examiners	Project H Accountants Beadle House, Bull Plain Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 1DT
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Bankers	Natwest Bank PLC
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ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S CIO

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of St Augustine's under 5's CIO for the year ended 31 August 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the CIO comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the CIO's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (update effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

St Augustine's under 5's CIO's objectives are to develop and educate children and young people by promoting their care and safety. Through engagement, we promote parental involvement to help their health and wellbeing. We support parents, families and carers in assisting with this. We also further the wider aims of the pre-school learning alliance.

Achievements and performance

St Augustine's under 5's was established in 1973. Initially this was in partnership with Roman Catholic Church of St Augustine's, Hoddesdon.

After many hours of hard work, the Under 5s was officially registered as a charity on 29th October 2021.. This required the Under 5s to be re-registered with Ofsted

Once again, the Under 5's has had a busy, enjoyable and successful year.

The year started with a consistent number of children on the playgroup register. The numbers averaged between 18/20 per session. The majority of children were under 3 years old, requiring a high ratio of staff 1:4. Most of the children who were entitled to it, took up their 15 hours of childcare.

This year we report a much stronger financial position in comparison to the previous year which was beset by the increase to the minimum wage. This year we have mitigated this by decreasing our staffing costs. New initiatives such as the Broxbourne Lottery and government 2-year-old funding have made a real difference to revenue.

Christmas entertainment and Teddy Bear's picnics are always well supported and are part of the wider fundraising activities that took place during the year. Additional Toddler sessions run in the first two weeks of the summer holiday proved very popular, as well as being financially viable.

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Financial review

St Augustine's under 5's CIO moves into a new financial year in a strong position, carrying forward a £33,638 unrestricted operating surplus.

Funding

The charity is funded by way of donations, grants from Hertfordshire County Council (for eligible children) and play group fees and fundraising

Reserves policy

The notes show the split of funds, restricted for specific purposes and general fund for day to day requirements. Restricted funds are those allocated to fund specific charitable activities. It is our policy to hold 3 months operating costs in reserves however given Covid we have increased this due to the exceptional circumstances.

Structure, governance and management

The charity's governing document is the Foundation Constitution and is constituted as a C.I.O

The charity is also registered in OFSTED.

The trustees have been selected by the members of the advisory board

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Trustees have all read, discussed and ratified the following policies

- Safeguarding Policy
- Anti-bullying
- Complaints
- Equal Opportunities
- Health & Safety
- Online Safety & Acceptable Use of ICT
- Whistleblowing

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The charity's organisational structure consists of the chair of trustees, 2 x founder trustees and 1 x co-opted trustee.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any
- material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board of trustees.

Dated:

Signed Mrs Mary Briggs

Mary Briggs, Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Augustine's under 5's CIO for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;
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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

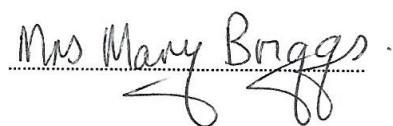
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME RESOURCES					
Donations and legacies	2	3,653	31,958	35,611	64,980
Charitable activities:					
Playgroup	3	32,376	385	32,761	33,996
Other income	4	-	-	-	1,228
Total Income Resources		36,029	32,343	68,372	100,204
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	5	34,375	32,343	66,718	110,038
Other					
Total Resources Expended		34,375	32,343	66,718	110,038
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		1,654	0	1,654	-9,834
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Income / Expenditure for the year		1,654	-	1,654	-9,834
Balance brought forward		31,984	-	31,984	41,818
Balance carried forward		33,638	-	33,638	31,984

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	9,684	-	9,684	10,895
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,428	-	24,428	21,546
		-	-	-	-
CREDITORS: falling within 1 year	12	474	-	474	456
NET CURRENT ASSETS		23,954	-	23,954	21,090
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		33,638	-	33,638	31,984
NET ASSETS		33,638	-	33,638	31,984
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund				33,638	33,638
Restrictive Funds					
General fund				-	-
Fixed asset fund				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS				33,638	33,638

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mary Briggs, Chair fo Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) 'Accounting and Reporting' by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities and the Companies Act 2006.

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 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 costs 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.

Expenditure is measured at the fair value of the consideration paid or payable, excluding discounts, rebates and value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

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:

Land & Buildings	10% straight line
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Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

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 the funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	3,653	5,067
Grants	<u>31,958</u>	<u>59,914</u>
	<u>35,611</u>	<u>64,980</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising Income	<u>32,761</u>	<u>33,996</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Misc Income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,228</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COST

	Direct costs	Support costs (note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities			
	31,552	35,166	66,718

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Manage - ment	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended		474	474
charitable activities	34,692		34,692
	34,692	474	35,166

7. NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)

	2024
	£
Net income / (expenditure) is stated after charging / (crediting);	
Accountants fee	474
Depreciation	1,211
	1,685

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Two trustees were employed by St Augustine's under 5's during the year ended 31 August 2024.

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9. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Management	34,692	34,692
Operations	21,769	54,403
	<u>56,461</u>	<u>89,095</u>

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

8

The number of employees who's employee benefits (excluding pensions) exceeded £60,000 was

0

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5,067	59,914	64,980
Charitable activities			
Fundraising income	33,180	816	33,996
Investment income	-	-	-
Other income	1,228	-	1,228
	<u>39,475</u>	<u>60,730</u>	<u>100,204</u>

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES continued

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	49,308	60,730	110,038
Other	-	-	-
	49,308	60,730	110,038
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	-9,833	0	-9,834
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	41,818	-	41,818
Total funds carried forward	31,985	0	31,984

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings £
Cost	
At 1 September 2023	12,105
Additions	-
At 31 August 2024	12,105
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2023	1,211
Charge for the year	1,211
At 31 August 2024	2,421
Net book value	
At 31 August 2024	9,684
At 31 August 2023	10,895

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12. CREDITORS	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>474</u>	<u>456</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.09.2023	Net movement in funds	At 31.08.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	31,984	1,654	33,638
Restricted funds			
General funds	-	-	-
Fixed asset funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,984</u>	<u>1,654</u>	<u>33,638</u>

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

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	68,372	-66,718	1,654
Restricted funds			
General funds			-
Fixed asset funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,372</u>	<u>-66,718</u>	<u>1,654</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party activities during the year