



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	18	November	2021		31	December	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	AUTISTIC GIRLS NETWORK
Other names charity is known by	AGN
Registered charity number (if any)	1196655
Charity's principal address	68 South Green Drive STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Postcode CV37 9HP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Claire Lesley Farmer	Co-Chair		N/A
2	Victoria Jane May	Co-Chair		N/A
3	Warda Ahmed Farah			N/A
4	Andrew James McDonald			N/A
5	Emily Katharine Burke			N/A
6	Elliot George Wassell	Treasurer		N/A
7	Clare Jane McDonald	Co-Secretary		N/A
8	Gemma Louise Windham	Co-Secretary		N/A

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	HSL Accountancy Solutions Ltd	Enterprise House, 61a Carr House Road, Doncaster, DN1 2BY.

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

Catherine Wassell – Chief Executive Officer

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF AND RELIEVE NEED AMONGST AUTISTIC GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN PARTICULAR: (1) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT AUTISTIC GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS; (2) TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF AND PROMOTE EDUCATION ABOUT THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, OF AUTISTIC GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS AMONGST EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH STUDIES; (3) TO FOSTER MUTUAL HELP, CO-OPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS, FAMILIES, CARERS, HELPERS AND THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH THE CARE OF AUTISTIC GIRLS. THE EXPRESSION "AUTISTIC GIRLS" IN THIS DOCUMENT SHALL INCLUDE GIRLS WITH AUTISM AND RELATED CONDITIONS, DIAGNOSED AND UNDIAGNOSED, AND INCLUSIVE OF TRANS AND GENDER NON-BINARY CHILDREN.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance.

Public benefit is at the heart of everything we do. Our mission is to support and improve the lives of autistic girls and their families and the people supporting them. The charity promotes an affirmative attitude to neurodiversity and campaigns both to ensure autistic people get the support they need and to promote positive identities for autistic people. This is critical given the unacceptably low rates of diagnosis, inadequacies in support mechanisms and poor life outcomes faced by autistic females.

A major part of our activities consists in operating a closed Facebook Group and social media platform. This provides public benefit in the form of support, information, signposting to relevant sources of help and opportunities for community and mutual support amongst our members.

The charity also serves the public benefit through developing support materials, offering training and workshops, speaking at conferences, organising webinars and participating in autism research.

The charity is looking to expand its offering to include face to face autistic groups for girls across the United Kingdom to help develop invaluable opportunities to meet up and develop important life skills. There is a severe lack of such groups and research has indicated autistic people can find it easier to build community with their autistic peers.

The charity also benefits autistic people by involving autistic people in positions of leadership. Over half the board of trustees and executives are neurodivergent themselves and AGN actively seeks to give opportunities to autistic people to volunteer for the organisations.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity registered as a CIO on 18 November 2021.

The charity has grown its social media platform significantly. As at 15 January 2023 AGN had 13,100 members of its closed Facebook group and 22,400 Twitter followers.

The charity had a successful initial fundraising including our popular Million Steps challenge and our GoFundMe fundraiser. AGN generated £18,501 in donations in total over the year. We also made our first grant applications securing funds totalling £5,500 from Albert Hunt Trust, Warwickshire County Council County Fund and Fat Beehive. These are contributing to our girls group programme and website development.

A major landmark was achieved in June 2022 when AGN opened the first face-to-face group for autistic girls in Stratford-upon-Avon. This is the first in a series of face to face groups targeted across the United Kingdom.

Another important development has been the production of a suite of training packages aimed promoting awareness and support strategies for autistic girls and targeted at a range of stakeholders from schools to corporates. This new service offering was introduced late 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity requires reserves to cover operating fluctuations, contingency plan for income shortfalls and support the charity as it builds its fundraising. The charity's policy is to hold at least three months cover for expenditure in free cash reserves. The charity complied with this policy and as at 31 December 2022 had free cash balances of £19,440.

Details of any funds materially in deficit


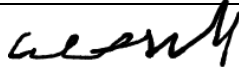
No funds were materially in deficit.

Section F

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clare McDonald	Elliot Wassell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co-Secretary	Treasurer
Date	29 January 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
AUTISTIC GIRLS NETWORK

No (if any)
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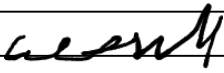
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 18-Nov-21	To	Period end date 31-Dec-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	17,526	-	-	17,526	n/a
Gift Aid received	975	-	-	975	n/a
Grants	2,000	3,500	-	5,500	n/a
Training and workshops	5,980	-	-	5,980	n/a
Girls Group contributions	540	-	-	540	-
Other income	129	-	-	129	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,150	3,500	-	30,650	n/a
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Founder Loan received	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	500	-	-	500	-
Total receipts	27,650	3,500	-	31,150	n/a
A3 Payments					
Product development	4,725	-	-	4,725	n/a
Girls Group running costs	157	1,000	-	1,157	n/a
Marketing and cost of raising funds	1,305	-	-	1,305	n/a
Other expenditure	1,523	-	-	1,523	n/a
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,710	1,000	-	8,710	n/a
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Founder Loan repaid	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	500	-	-	500	-
Total payments	8,210	1,000	-	9,210	n/a
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,440	2,500	-	21,940	n/a
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	19,440	2,500	-	21,940	n/a

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	19,440	2,500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,440	2,500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ELLIOT WASSELL	29/01/2023	

AUTISTIC GIRLS NETWORK
Notes to the Accounts
Period ended 31 December 2022

Note

- 1 Accounting period**
This is the CIO's first accounting period. The Charity was registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 November 2021. The accounts cover the long period of account from 18 November 2021 to 31 December 2022.
- 2 Guarantees**
As at 31 December 2022 there were no potential liabilities arising in respect of any guarantees given by the CIO.
- 3 Charges on Assets**
As at 31 December 2022 there was debt outstanding which was secured by express charge on any asset of the CIO.
- 4 Related Party Transactions**
During the period ended 31 December 2022 the CIO paid £4,700 freelance fees for training development and delivery to an individual who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Charity and a spouse of one of the Trustees. The same individual advanced a £500 interest free loan to the CIO which was fully repaid during the period. The transactions were conducted on an arms-length basis and approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Independent examiners report to the trustees of
AUTISTIC GIRLS NETWORK
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 2nd February 2023

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