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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Action for Autism and Asperger's Barnsley is an unincorporated charitable association governed by its constitution, adopted 28 March 2019.

Membership of the Group is open to any individual who is:

- Interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims
- Willing to abide by the rules of the Group and
- Willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Management Committee

The group is administrated by a Management Committee of not less than three and not more than twelve individuals, elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (A.G.M).

The Officers of the Management Committee are the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

At the year-end, the charity was in the process of changing its legal status. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 January 2022, 'AFAAB - Action for Autism and Asperger's Barnsley', registered Charity Number 1197465. The activities of the unincorporated charity, together with all remaining assets and liabilities will transfer to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1st April 2022.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are the members of the Management Committee and are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing these accounts, are listed on page 3 of this report.

Related Parties

There are no related parties to the organisation.

Charitable Objects

The objects of the Group are:

To promote the wellbeing of isolated adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder by the provision of creative meet-up sessions, physical activity sessions and outings and trips to prevent isolation and encourage social interaction in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life and enabling them to enrich their lives, social skills and confidence.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the group is to bring adults with Asperger's and Autism in Barnsley together as a social group with the aim of building confidence, developing meaningful connections and reducing isolation. We strive to run a programme of social outings and get-togethers where people can enjoy doing new, creative and fun activities as part of a peer support group.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Specific Aims

- To provide adults with autism in Barnsley an opportunity to meet up with other people with the same condition as themselves.
- To enable group members to develop their sense of individuality and identity by engaging in activity independently from their families. The group can help support a sense of purpose and connection; this is extremely beneficial when individuals may feel unconnected without direction.
- To give members a chance to develop their social skills and build friendships.
- To provide opportunities to reduce isolation – it is notable that the majority of the group live socially isolated lives. The group meet-ups provide a rare opportunity to spend time with other people.
- To help people to achieve 'small wins' such as building confidence and self-esteem, which provide the basis for longer term outcomes.
- To offer a chance to build confidence through experiencing new and different activities in the safety of a group setting. This includes travel to and from different places using public transport as well as the activities themselves.
- To enable life-enriching experiences that can be shared and talked about with family members. To give their life structure and purpose.
- To provide a range of new experiences that individuals may choose to engage in further outside of the group.

Activities and Achievements during the reporting period

Monday Meet-Up

This weekly session has continued to be the core focus of AfAAB programme. Most of our members attend this session and participate in a rich range of creative activities led by Louise Edwards. Barnsley Museums have continued to offer the group bespoke access to their engagement programme. A highlight was involvement in the National Gallery tour of the Jan Van Huysum's 'Flowers in a terracotta vase', where the group wrote a poem in response to the work that was displayed alongside it. Ignite Imaginations, Sheffield also invited the group to be part of their 'Mozart and Me' project. Creativity soared through this project as scripts and puppets were created and filmed in response to Flute Quartet No 1. This project culminated at a wonderful sharing event in Sheffield where the groups work was showcased.

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Active

The weekly sessions were re-launched at the YMCA. The facilities here enable people to engage in gentle physical exercise such as table tennis, pool, and other games. This session is proving a popular first step into group activity for new members.

A positive spin-off from this session has been the opportunity to take group members to an inclusive gym session at the Metrodome leisure centre. A small number of members have embraced the opportunity to attend the gym independently and have individual membership and individual training programmes.

One to One Sessions

Covid-19 related funding has enabled AfAAB to continue to offer existing and new members one-to-one sessions. These have been an ideal way of keeping in touch with members during times of social distancing, giving members an opportunity to go for a walk or have a creative meet-up with a member of the AfAAB team. As well as having social benefit, the walks are a good way of providing physical activity.

We have also used one-to-one sessions as a way of engaging with potential new members who need a little support to build confidence and familiarity before joining group activity.

Hobby Groups

Two weekly hobby groups have been established, these are for small groups of people to gather, spend social time together whilst enjoying individual making and crafting projects.

Emerging from the Pandemic

As we emerged from the pandemic, we were delighted to start back up our group sessions and re-ignite our social based offer. We are continuing to build on the lessons learned during the pandemic, the valuable one-to-one work and the smaller group size for Monday Meet-up, that have now become regular features. We have also enjoyed continuing to work with partners Barnsley Museum and establish a new partnership with Ignite Imaginations, and look forward to more project work with them in the coming year.

We have also been delighted to welcome some new members, some of whom are participating in one-to-one sessions and others are attending group activity, it is great that AfAAB is reaching out to new people and lovely to have new members.

Financial Review

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The Charity's policy on reserves

At the financial year-end, the balance of the general reserve was £7,699 (2021:£1,325). The trustees view this to be acceptable as income is raised to be spent on the charitable activities and the liabilities and financial risk are considered to be minimal.

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New Funds Received in the Year

The charity received the following new funds, full details of which can be found in note 5 to the accounts:

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council – Service User grant
- Yorkshire Sport – Tackling Inequalities Fund
- The National Lottery Loneliness Fund – Stay Connected
- The National Lottery Awards for all – Building Social Connections
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council – Moving Mental Health Forwards (Connections)
- South Yorkshire Community Foundation – Mayoral Fund
- South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner grant

Financial Review of the Year

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 13. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £1,548 (2021: £8,160). The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £26,643 (2021: £25,095). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £7,699 at the year-end (2021: £1,325).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: Ben Harvey-Wade Date: 20 June 2022

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed Angela Hayes Date: 20 June 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Receipts					
Donations & Fundraising		510	-	510	725
Grants Received	5	-	26,120	26,120	25,517
Project Fees		1,172	-	1,172	50
Health Education England (Student Placements)		5,096	-	5,096	-
Total receipts		6,778	26,120	32,898	26,292
Payments					
Staff Costs		-	27,891	27,891	13,237
Room Rent		404	981	1,385	160
Insurance		-	242	242	240
Activities & Events		-	125	125	2,005
Materials & Equipment		-	911	911	1,027
Marketing, Publicity & Website		-	235	235	1,281
Accountancy Fee		-	325	325	-
Other Expenditure		-	236	236	182
Total payments		404	30,946	31,350	18,132
Surplus/(Deficit)		6,374	(4,826)	1,548	8,160
Balance brought forward		1,325	23,770	25,095	16,935
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		7,699	18,944	26,643	25,095

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
Monetary Assets:		
Virgin Money Current Account	£26,643	£25,095
Cash in hand	-	-
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£26,643</u>	<u>£25,095</u>


Other Assets:

iPad x 4
Huawei Honor 7S mobile phone
Bose docking station

Liabilities:

Accountancy fee (£400)

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 20 June 2022

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund that represents funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from general donations, grants of a general nature, fees for service provision and payment for service delivery contracts.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes and fundraising for specific projects.

2. Gifts in Kind

The charity received 2 iPads, a Huawei Honor 7S mobile phone and a Bose docking station, donated upon the closure of registered charity, Qdos Creates.

3. Trustee Remuneration

There were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this, or the previous accounting period.

4. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this, or in the previous accounting period.

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5. Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Fund Transfers £	Closing Balance £
BMBC Service User Grant	2,448	2,500	(2,496)	(119)	2,333
BMBC Resilience Fund	80	-	(76)	-	4
BMBC Moving Mental Health Forward	-	2,040	-	-	2,040
The National Lottery Awards for All	4,480	-	(4,480)	-	-
Sport England	6,110	-	(4,935)	-	1,175
Coop Community Fund	1,992	-	(669)	(1,323)	-
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	-	5,985	(3,045)	-	2,940
The National Lottery - Better Connected	2,405	-	(2,405)	-	-
The National Lottery - Stay Connected	-	2,500	(2,512)	12	-
The National Lottery - Social Connections	-	9,975	-	-	9,975
Yorkshire Sport Tackling Inequalities Fund	6,955	-	(6,478)	-	477
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	(700)	3,120	(3,850)	1,430	-
Total	23,770	26,120	(30,946)	-	18,944

BMBC (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council) Service User Grant – A grant to contribute to the running of the support group and to cover some of the infrastructure costs such as website hosting, annual insurance and accountancy fees.

BMBC Resilience Fund – A grant for the purchase of iPads for two members who did not have suitable IT equipment to join the group online sessions.

BMBC Moving Mental Health Forward (Connections) – Connections will enable AfAAB to offer a series of one to one sessions and a series of buddying-up/small group activities.

The National Lottery Awards for All – A grant to fund the 'Kick Start' project. This fund was the keystone for being able to deliver a six-month programme of bespoke activity to meet members' needs during the Covid pandemic. Funding was utilised during the year to pay freelance staff to maintain good levels of contact through phone calls, text messaging and group online sessions. The group sessions have been a good vehicle for maintaining a wider sense of belonging and connectivity. When allowed, the group met up for an outing, this work was paid for by this fund.

Sport England – A grant to fund weekly physical based sessions. The fund is used to meet the running costs for weekly physical activity sessions that are delivered at Barnsley Town Hall or out in the community.

Coop Community Fund – This grant was to support the ongoing weekly activity and was also used to support the development of the new AfAAB website.

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South Yorkshire Community Foundation – A grant from the Mayoral Fund to contribute to staff and project costs.

The National Lottery Coronavirus Community Support Fund (Better Connected) – The grant enabled AfAAB to develop a further strand of activity that links to being active. The funding was used to work on a one-to-one basis with members who are not engaged with physical activity, encouraging individuals who might not ordinarily get outdoors to do so.

The National Lottery Loneliness Fund (Stay Connected) - This fund enabled the charity to offer members one to one session with a facilitator that aimed to give members a sense of connection and reduce isolation.

The National Lottery Awards for All (Building Social Connections) - This multi-layered project will enable the weekly Active session to continue and will also support introduction meet-ups and one-to-one sessions.

Yorkshire Sport - Tackling Inequalities Fund – The fund has enabled AfAAB to develop a further strand of activity that links to being active. Funding is being used to work on a one-to-one basis with members who are not engaged in physical activity. We are offering members a one-to-one creative-walk, this combination of creative and physical activity is encouraging individuals to be active and get outdoors, alongside the opportunity of building social confidence.

South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner –Grant funding to enable the charity to extend the programme of one-to-one activity, primarily walks and face-to-face meet-ups to be put in place. As Covid restrictions lifted members have been keen for in person contact and this fund has enabled this work to take place.

