

Spectrum Holidays

**A Charity Registered in England & Wales
Registration no: 1202291**

**Financial Statements
and Trustees' Report**

Financial Period to 31 March 2025

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: Spectrum Holidays

Reg'd Charity No: 1202291

Structure Unincorporated association governed by a constitution.

Trustees: Sophia Ainsworth
Malcolm Cain
Carli Black
Courtney Darcy Ross (Until November 2024)
Ross Stanton (Until November 2024)
Marianne Allan (Until December 2025)

Trustees are elected by the membership at each Annual General Meeting.

Address: 5 Boscobel Close
Longbenton
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE12 8WH

Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
North Tyneside VODA

Objects and Activities

Spectrum Holidays is an award winning charity that provides highly subsidised or free short respite breaks for disabled and autistic children. We currently have 2 holiday homes in Northumberland which have been adapted to meet the needs of disabled children and include a sensory area, sensory equipment and communication resources. To help children feel more at home during their break, we also offer a choice of themed bedrooms that the child can choose ahead of their stay. Many of our beneficiaries are autistic and can sometimes find it difficult to process sensory information around them and often struggle with any change to their usual routine – this can make a holiday, with a change of environment, very challenging for them. Any of the senses can be under or over sensitive – or both at different time, which can lead to increased anxiety and extreme emotional responses (also known as meltdowns) We help by providing the sensory tools they need to manage their anxieties and provide a way of regulating their sensory input while on holiday. Many of the families that contact us have never been able to holiday together as a family due to the needs of the disabled child not being met in mainstream holiday accommodation and parents often have to holiday individually, so the needs of siblings are also met. At Spectrum Holidays we believe that holidays should be accessible to everyone and create a holiday experience that the whole family can enjoy.

Our charity is completely volunteer led and all of our team have lived experience of autism and other neurological conditions, and as such we have a unique understanding of the needs of our families. As parents, we are used to companies using the term "autism friendly" or "accessible" when in reality, we know this isn't the case. During covid when our holiday homes were unable to open, we spent those months connecting with our community to build trust in our brand and show families that the service we provide truly is accessible and autism friendly. We believe that inclusion and accessibility mean more than just ramps and hoists, we also need to ensure our holiday homes are financially accessible to families that may need to take on unpaid carer roles at home, as well as ensuring our holiday homes are sensory friendly for those with vision and auditory difficulties. We have also found that by providing a sensory friendly environment, we are approached by many people with family members that are suffering with dementia who tell us that they also benefit from the specialised equipment we provide.

All trustees of Spectrum Holidays carry out their duties regarding the public benefit as set out by the charity commission.

Achievements and Performance

In the last 12 months we have continued to see increased demand for our services and the current occupancy in our Sensory Caravans runs at 98% which is a huge achievement and testament to the experience that we provide. We have also welcomed a new Spectrum Partner which gives us access to over 300 holiday properties.

We have been lucky enough to have won more awards this year, including winner of the Best of Northumberland Awards for Holiday Provider of the Year, as well as achieving Highly Commended in the North East Charity Awards. We adapted our second caravan to accommodate another Safe Space bed which means we can now help even more families access respite breaks that need the a safe space bed due to their child's needs. We had to sadly say goodbye to 2 of our trustees this year due to their work commitments and we will be looking to appoint a new Trustee in the coming months. We have continued to build on our reputation for inclusion and our social media following has seen an increase of 3000. We also took on some bigger fundraising challenges this year, including a charity skydive which we plan to be an annual event going forward. As a charity we were really happy to be able to offer our first funded respite breaks this year and we will increase fundraising efforts in a bid to offer more fully funded breaks next year. We have reached out to a Northumberland based company who are interested in sponsoring some breaks for our families and we look forward to continuing those talks. We have also planned our first charity fundraising ball in partnership with the Life of Reilly CIC which we are excited to plan.

Financial Review

The purpose of the Reserve Policy for Spectrum Holidays is to ensure the stability of the programs, employment, and ongoing operations of the charity. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated loss in funding, or uninsured losses.

As we are still a new charity we are spending time building up funds.


We currently have no concerns. As the charity has been successful in securing funding over the past 12 months and the charity also has income from the operational business.

Structure, Governance and Management

We ask all nominated trustees to submit an application form. The current trustees then vote to decide whether the appointment would be beneficial to the charity.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to Financial Statements

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993.

Signed: Chair, on behalf of Trustees
Date: January 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Spectrum Holidays

On accounts for
the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no 1202291

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 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 Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent
examiner's
statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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: 12 January 2025

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
Address: VODA

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Receipts and payments account, period ending 31 March 2025

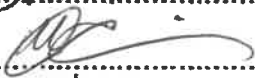
	Unrestricted Funds 2024/25	Restricted Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2023/24
Receipts				
			£	£
Grants			0	5047
Holiday Payments	65192		65192	57913
Fundraising	8354		8354	121
Transfer from Previous Association			0	14400
Miscellaneous Income			0	578
Total Receipts	73546	0	73546	78059
Payments				
Partnership Payments	29438		29438	42339
Guest Refunds	9296		9296	10304
Travel Costs & Volunteer Expenses	4689		4689	4337
Replacement stock for caravan	2772	449	3221	1587
Holiday Cancellations	1740		1740	0
Site Fees	19771		19771	4257
Safe Space Beds	0		0	4598
Property visits	754		754	0
Website/Mobile/Broadband	2910		2910	2622
Fundraising	1224		1224	0
Insurance	562		562	225
Miscellaneous	2781		2781	0
Total Payments	75937	449	76386	70269
Surplus / deficit for the year	-2391	-449	-2840	7790
Transfer between funds			0	0
Funds at 13 March 2024	7341	449	7790	8239
Funds at 31 March 2024	4950	0	4950	16029

**Spectrum Holidays
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	4950	7791
Total Cash Balances	<u>4950</u>	<u>7791</u>
Net Assets at 31 March 2025	<u>4950</u>	<u>7791</u>
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	0	449
Unrestricted Funds	4950	7341
Total Funds at 31 March 2025	<u>4950</u>	<u>7790</u>

The financial statements were approved by the following members
of the Management Committee :

Signed  Position Chair

Signed  Position Trustee

Date 14/1/26

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Notes to the accounts, 2024/25

1. Basis of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Spectrum Holidays meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Trustees and Staff

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments, nor does the organisation employ any staff during the period of the accounts.

3. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £350

4. Grants

No grants were received during the financial year.

5. Fund Analysis

Restricted Funds	March 2024	Income	Expend	Mar-25
Groundworks	449		449	0
Total	449	0	449	0

6. Related party transactions

There were no significant transactions between the project and any related parties during the period. No payments have been made to Trustees.