

Registered Charity Number 1202418

Yorda Adventures Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended
31 March 2025**

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**Yorda Adventures Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Information**

Trustees:

Alice Howard (Chair)
Alison Sorfleet
Dr Barry Starr
Michael Swordy
Michelle Tomlinson

Chief Executive Officer

Laura Smyth MBE

Charity Number

1202418

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Recruitment and Training of Trustees

Trustees are competent persons who through residence, occupation or employment, or otherwise, have specialist knowledge of an area of expertise of benefit to the Charity.

Most trustees, on appointment, are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity.

A Trustee Induction Pack is in operation which includes copies of the last published financial statements of the charity, its most recent management accounts, a statement of trustees' responsibilities and guidance on the requirements of The Charity Commission.

Yorda Adventures Charitable Incorporated Organisation Report of the Trustees

The year under review represents Yorda's second full year as a charity following its conversion from a Community Interest Company on 21 March 2023.

Purpose of the Charity

The purpose of Yorda as a charity remains the same as it was when it was founded as a community interest company in 2006, namely, to enhance the lives of children and young people with learning and/or physical disabilities by the provision of recreational activities and support for their parents, families and carers from premises in the London Borough of Kingston Upon Thames.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Recognition of Yorda

The trustees are delighted to report that Laura Smyth was appointed MBE in the 2025 New Year's Honours in recognition of her services to children and young people. This recognition reflects her leadership of Yorda and the care and dedication of the entire Yorda team over the past 18 years.

Range of Services in the Period

Yorda has provided recreational activities from the Yorda Playhouse in Chessington throughout the year. During the school terms it has run an after-school club to provide short breaks and play facilities to children and young people with ongoing special educational need and disabilities. Typically, each young person enjoying Yorda's facilities is supported in their play by a designated playworker. Activities include playing on specialist equipment including a sunken trampoline, swings, companion bikes, sensory lights, magic mat and bouncy structures. All equipment and the general environment is designed to provide a safer environment for children and young people with a wide range of needs. In the school holidays it runs childcare sessions throughout the day for its cohort of clients.

The playhouse is also available in term time for hire by schools wishing to utilise Yorda's specialist play facilities and, at the weekends, for parties and for its clients to come and play with other family members. Yorda regards its principal achievements as being bringing enjoyment to its clients as well as helping them to enhance their emotional control and their ability to act independently. Its family-based activities help to provide support and reduce the isolation that many parents of such children often experience and to help enhance the family unit by the provision of shared experiences for all family members to enjoy.

Financial Review and Policies

Once again the year under review proved to be very challenging financially but the trustees are pleased to report a small surplus for the period was achieved. The well publicised cost of living crisis continues to weigh heavily on the budgets of the families and public bodies to whom Yorda provides services. It proved necessary for Yorda to increase the cost of its services to meet this challenge. These increases were kept as low as possible and were effective in increasing income from charitable activities by 15%.

Donations declined compared with the previous year largely because there was an emergency call for donations in the prior year which was not required this year.

Staff costs were kept under control notwithstanding a 10% increase in the national Minimum Wage impacting staff costs directly and premises costs benefitted from a significant reduction in rent that was agreed during the year (see Note 10 below).

Reserves Policy

The trustees continue to believe that the charity must look to increase its reserves in order to provide a buffer against future economic shocks. In the year under review the objective was for the charity's charitable activities to be less subsidised by donations and to achieve an overall inflow of funds for the year. In the coming year it is intended to secure funds sufficient to establish a reserve sufficient to meet three months operational costs by March 2026.

Volunteers

Yorda is enormously grateful to the many volunteers who give of their time to help it continue to provide its services. It is also pleasing to note the efforts of a number of companies based in our area who are helping us in many ways on corporate responsibility team days. Thank you to you all.

Fundraising

The accounts show the debt that Yorda owes to those who contribute donations to it, without whom it would no longer be able operate. In the past year we would like to thank our patrons, Garry and Lorraine Woodcock for their continued support, Kingston's Rotary and Inner Wheel, Surbiton Rotary, Kingston Nursing Association, Mark Nelson and Richard Gooch.

Risk Management

Yorda Trustees have a strong risk management culture which allows us to deliver our charitable objectives in as safe and effective way as possible. However, we accept that we cannot avoid risks altogether. Its risk register is a 'living' document, incorporating in time all of our identified risks, mitigations and actions (either here or through links to the 4 separate operational risk logs). Responsibility for risk management lies with the Trustee Board; this includes the policies, procedures, risk appetite and ensuring staff have a risk management culture. The trustees regularly monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to its charitable operations and the finances of the charity. Each trustee is responsible for a different section of our risk register and therefore trustees are engaged in ensuring that systems are in place to mitigate its exposure to the major risks facing the charity.

Governance

The Board of Trustees

The Board consists of five trustees and is chaired by Alice Howard. None of the trustees are involved in the operations of the charity and their role is to provide oversight.

Operational Management

On a day to day basis the operations of Yorda are managed by Laura Smyth, who founded Yorda in 2006. She is ably supported by Dani Burchell (Project Manager) who, together with Laura, has control over the charity's bank accounts.

Governing Document

The charity adopted the Charity Commission model constitution for a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2023 when it became a Charity.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)**

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees 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 and 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure 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 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

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 and where applicable, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

On Behalf of the Board



Alice Howard
Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
YORDA ADVENTURES CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Yorda Adventures CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 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.

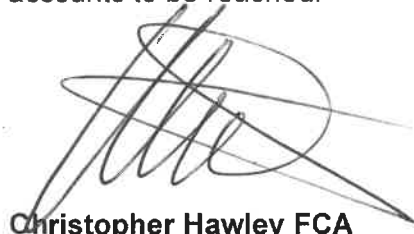
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, 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 the charity 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 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.



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Yorda Adventures Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended
31 March 2025

	Notes	Total Funds £ 2025	Total Funds £ 2024
INCOME			
Donations	2	107,738	134,304
Charitable activities	3	160,152	139,308
Other Income	4	198	409
Total		268,088	274,021
EXPENDITURE ON			
	5,6,7		
Charitable activities		242,815	303,896
Support expenditure		23,689	25,595
Total		266,504	329,191
Net inflow/(outflow) of funds		1,584	(55,170)
Total funds brought forward 1 April		40,350	95,520
Total Funds Carried Forward		41,934	40,350

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Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2025

	Notes	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		50,095	45,743
Debtors	8	25,565	22,875
Total Current Assets		75,660	68,618
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	33,726	28,268
Net Current Assets and Total Funds		41,934	40,350

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 16th June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by

A. Howard

Alice Howard
Chair

Yorda Adventures Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

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) ("Charities SORP FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and where applicable, the Charities Act 2022 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Charity has applied the provisions set out in Charities SORP FRS 102, as published 1 October 2019, and on that basis does not include a Statement of Cashflow.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charities SORP FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. Monetary amount in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

The charity's income consists of voluntary donations, grants and rental income from the provision of play facilities to schools, public bodies and the families of children and young people with multiple learning difficulties. All income is derived wholly in the UK. Income is recognised in the financial statements when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income is deferred only when the company has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to the income.

Grants are recognised as income at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is a reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met. A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised as income when the performance conditions are met and on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and are allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Capitalisation and depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fittings fixtures and equipment – 20%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of tangible assets, the depreciation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

Defined contribution pension plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of authorising these financial statements and are confident that the company will continue as a going concern.

Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The application of accounting standards and policies requires the trustees to make estimates and assumptions about future events that directly affect the charity's reported financial condition and operating performance. The accounting estimates and assumptions discussed are those the trustees consider to be most critical to its financial statements. An accounting estimate is considered critical if both a) the nature of estimates or assumptions is material due to the level of subjectivity and judgement involved, and b) the impact within a reasonable range of outcomes of the estimates and assumptions is material to the charity's financial condition or operating performance. Due to the nature of the limited transactions of the charity, the trustees consider that there are no significant accounting estimates and assumptions.

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2. Donations	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	106,932	132,044
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	806	2,260
	107,738	134,304
 3. Charitable Activities	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Child Play Services	121,506	108,943
Hall Hire	38,646	30,365
	160,152	139,308
 4. Other Income	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Interest Receivable	198	409
 5. Charitable Activities Costs	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Staff costs	174,687	191,573
Premises costs	34,446	74,881
Fundraising event expenses	14,872	12,120
Other	18,810	25,322
	242,815	303,896

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6. Trustees and Key Management Remuneration

No remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees appointed on the transition of the company to a charitable incorporated organisation.

The remuneration of the highest paid employee (recognised as the only key personnel) was £36,383 in the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: £36,383).

7. Staff Costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	169,021	179,386
Social Security Costs	3,517	9,720
Defined contribution pension costs	2,149	2,467
	174,687	191,573
Average monthly number of employees	21	24
Defined contribution pension creditor	238	200
	2025	2024
	£	£
8. Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accounts Receivable	16,046	5,275
Accrued Income	8,830	14,656
Gift Aid Receivable	300	2,261
Prepayments	389	683
	25,565	22,875
	2025	2024
	£	£
9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	33,726	26,618
Income in Advance	0	1,650
	33,726	24,025

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10. Lease Commitment

In June 2021 the charity entered into a ten-year lease on the charity's premises at an annual rental of £33,500. In January 2025 the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames agreed to reduce the annual rent to £12,000 until such time as it has re-evaluated its charging policy for charitable entities such as Yorda.

As a result of the break clauses included in the lease agreement the Trustees have the power to terminate the lease in June 2026. As such the trustees do not deem it appropriate to recognise the outstanding lease commitment.

The outstanding lease payments could however total up to £242,875 with £33,500 payable within one year, £134,000 within two to five years and £75,375 payable in more than five years' time should the landlord revert to the terms of the lease. This is, however, considered unlikely based on recent discussions with representatives of the landlord.