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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
10 APRIL 2024 TO 5 APRIL 2025
FOR
LADYBUG LODGE CIO

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

INCORPORATION

The charitable incorporated organisation was incorporated on 10 April 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Ladybug Lodge's purposes, as set out in its Constitution, are:

For the public benefit, to relieve the needs of children and young adults (up to the age of 25) with special education needs or disabilities who reside in Coventry and the surrounding area and their families and carers, by providing accessible activities, events and recreational opportunities and by providing support, information and advice.

Significant activities

Ladybug Lodge provides accessible activities, events and recreational opportunities for children and young adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Coventry and surrounding areas. This includes Sensory Play Days, Stay and Play sessions, and exclusive events such as swimming. Support, information and advice is also provided to families through a range of professionals.

Across these activities, Ladybug Lodge supported 307 children and young people with SEND, ranging in age from 8 months to 19 years, residing in Coventry, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Birmingham and Nottingham. 65% of beneficiaries resided in Coventry, with the remaining 35% in surrounding areas.

The 307 children and young people supported represented a wide range of diagnoses and needs, including:

- 162 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- 52 Rare and/or Genetic Conditions
- 41 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- 36 Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD)
- 16 Down Syndrome

This breadth of need reflects Ladybug Lodge's commitment to providing truly inclusive provision, welcoming children and young people regardless of diagnosis or level of need.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and in planning its activities for the year.

Ladybug Lodge benefits children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with SEND and their wider families - parents, carers, and siblings - within Coventry and surrounding areas by providing inclusive activities and events. In doing so, Ladybug Lodge reduces isolation and increases support for families who may otherwise struggle to access appropriate provision.

During the financial year, Ladybug Lodge provided support to 307 individual children and young people with SEND, and their families, through a range of activities and events. The geographic reach of the charity's beneficiaries reflects the extent of unmet need in the region - notably, families of children with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) travelled an average of 10 miles further to attend sessions than families of children with other conditions, suggesting that Ladybug Lodge fills a provision gap that extends well beyond its immediate locality.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The following sets out the main achievements of Ladybug Lodge during the year:

During the financial year, Ladybug Lodge delivered 436 activity sessions across 7 session types, supporting 307 children and young people with SEND and their families. The trustees are pleased to report that the charity exceeded its original targets for provision in its first year of operation, driven by the rising demand from families seeking accessible and inclusive activities.

The impact of this provision extended beyond the activities themselves. Feedback from families highlights the importance of having a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment - particularly for those who have previously found it difficult to access suitable provision:

- "Such a wonderful helpful resource and it is the most supportive environment for my boys and me. There is nothing like this for my boys during half term holidays. It can get lonely and I always feel welcomed - a safe space for my boys to be themselves."
- "Prior to attending the first Stay and Play, we had never been to a play experience where not only myself but my children felt comfortable. It is also great to speak to others and listen to their own experience and share your own."
- "The activities are always accessible with so much thought and effort put in. The venues are always perfect for the sessions and the staff are always a friendly familiar face."

This feedback reflects the trustees' belief that Ladybug Lodge provides not only therapeutic and recreational benefit to children and young people with SEND, but also vital peer support and community for their families and carers - many of whom report feeling isolated before accessing the charity's provision.

Performance against objectives

Ladybug Lodge set out to provide a range of inclusive activities for families with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). During the financial year, Ladybug Lodge delivered 436 individual activity sessions across 7 session types - significantly more than originally anticipated by the Board of Trustees.

The trustees are pleased that, as Ladybug Lodge grew during its first year of operation, its original aims for provision were exceeded. This growth was driven by rising demand from families seeking accessible and inclusive activities, reflecting the significant need for this type of provision within Coventry and the surrounding area.

Significant Events or Challenges

As Ladybug Lodge's first year of operation, the trustees encountered a number of challenges which provided valuable learning and helped shape the charity's approach going forward.

Venue - During the first six months of the financial year, Ladybug Lodge operated from venues that, whilst functional, were not ideally suited to the needs of children and young people with SEND. The trustees actively sought more appropriate provision and secured Tiverton School as a consistent venue partway through the year. This significantly improved the quality and accessibility of sessions for families.

Volunteer Recruitment - Recruiting and retaining volunteers presented a challenge throughout the year, particularly given that the charity did not have funding to employ any paid members of staff. The trustees recognise this as an ongoing area of focus and are committed to developing the charity's volunteer base and exploring funding opportunities for staffing in future years.

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Session Times - Initial session times did not always align with the needs and availability of families. Following feedback, the trustees restructured session scheduling, resulting in improved attendance and greater accessibility for the families Ladybug Lodge exists to serve.

Income Model - Ladybug Lodge initially offered all sessions free at the point of booking, with donations encouraged on arrival. This approach resulted in low and inconsistent donation income, which was not sustainable. The trustees responded by introducing a minimum suggested donation rate ahead of each session, which proved significantly more successful. To ensure financial barriers did not prevent families from attending, a bursary scheme was established and provision was made available through local Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes for families who required additional support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

A summary of the charity's financial position for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025 is set out below. Full accounts are attached to this report.

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	£
Total Income	50,964
Total Expenditure	35,579
Net Income for the Year	15,385
Funds Brought Forward	NIL
Funds Carried Forward	15,385

Income breakdown:

- Charitable Donations: £34,633
- Grant Income: £13,584
- Sales (Services): £2,747

The main areas of expenditure were:

- Venue Hire: £14,862
- Residential Trip: £9,660
- Salaries: £2,528
- Equipment: £2,063
- Consulting: £990
- Insurance: £448
- Staff Training: £366
- DBS Checks: £332
- Accountancy: £1,107
- All other costs: £3,223

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Grant income was received from the following funders:

- Heart of England (Dulverton Trust): £4,905.00
- Sport England (Movement Fund): £6,677.00
- Groundwork (Stronger Starts): £1,086.75
- ASDA Foundation: £415.00
- Wizzkidz: £500.00

Investment policy and objectives

Ladybug Lodge did not hold any investments during the financial year.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining adequate financial reserves to ensure the continuity of the charity's activities. At the end of the financial year, Ladybug Lodge held £5,250 in unrestricted reserves.

The trustees have agreed that the charity will aim to build and maintain a reserves fund of approximately £6,000, equivalent to three months' running costs. This level of reserves is considered sufficient to provide resilience against unexpected reductions in income or unplanned expenditure, and to ensure the charity can continue to meet its obligations to beneficiaries in the short term. The trustees are pleased that the charity is already partway toward this target in its first year of operation.

The reserves policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that Ladybug Lodge is a going concern. Having reviewed the charity's financial position, income pipeline and planned activities, the trustees believe the charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

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FUTURE PLANS

Looking ahead to the next financial year, the trustees have identified the following key objectives and planned activities for Ladybug Lodge:

Expanding Provision - Ladybug Lodge plans to increase the number and variety of sessions available to families. This includes the introduction of three new specialist activity programmes, all targeted at children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25:

- Weekly after-school dance sessions, delivered in partnership with Off Balance Dance CIC
- Holiday activity sessions delivered in partnership with Open Theatre, providing non-verbal physical theatre experiences for children and young people with SEND
- Holiday activity sessions delivered in partnership with Soundabout, providing multi-sensory music sessions for children and young people with SEND

These new programmes will significantly increase the range of therapeutic and recreational opportunities available to Ladybug Lodge's beneficiaries, particularly during school holidays when families often face the greatest challenges in accessing suitable provision.

Staffing - The trustees have identified the employment of a sessional activity worker as a key priority for the coming year. This will reduce the charity's dependency on volunteers for session delivery and help to ensure the consistency and quality of provision as Ladybug Lodge continues to grow.

Volunteer Development - Alongside the introduction of paid staffing, the trustees are committed to growing and developing the charity's volunteer team to ensure that increasing demand for sessions can be met effectively.

Income and Fundraising - The trustees will actively pursue additional grant funding opportunities in the coming year to support the expansion of provision and the development of the charity's staffing capacity. The trustees are also committed to exploring and developing additional income streams to reduce dependency on grant funding and build long-term financial sustainability.

The trustees are proud of what Ladybug Lodge has achieved in its first year of operation and are committed to building on this strong foundation to reach and support even more children, young people and families with SEND across Coventry and the surrounding area.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Conflicts of Interest

Each charity trustee is required by the Constitution to declare the nature and extent of any direct or indirect interest in any proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the CIO, and to absent themselves from any discussion where a conflict of interest may arise. A conflicted trustee must not vote or be counted in the quorum on the relevant matter.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered CIO number

CE035858 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Registered office

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on **10th April 2026** and signed on its behalf by:



J L Wheel - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LADYBUG LODGE CIO**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ladybug Lodge ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited under the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by Section 130 of the 2011 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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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Date: 20th APRIL 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		34,633	-	34,633
Charitable activities				
General		<u>2,747</u>	<u>13,584</u>	<u>16,331</u>
Total		<u>37,380</u>	<u>13,584</u>	<u>50,964</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
General		<u>32,130</u>	<u>3,449</u>	<u>35,579</u>
NET INCOME		<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>15,385</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>15,385</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank		6,401	10,135	16,536
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,151)	-	(1,151)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>15,385</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>15,385</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>15,385</u>
FUNDS	5			
Unrestricted funds				5,250
Restricted funds				<u>10,135</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>15,385</u>

The charitable incorporated organisation is entitled to exemption from audit under Charities Act 2011 for the period ended 5 April 2025.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable incorporated organisations.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10th April 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



J L Wheel - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable incorporated organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 a 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 cost 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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 funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	£
Other operating leases	<u>14,862</u>

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for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 5 April 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 5 April 2025.

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Social security and other taxes	71
Accrued expenses	<u>1,080</u>
	<u>1,151</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	5,250	5,250
Restricted funds		
ASDA Foundation	42	42
Groundwork	151	151
Heart of England	4,500	4,500
Sport England	5,352	5,352
WizzKidz	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>10,135</u>	<u>10,135</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,385</u>	<u>15,385</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,380	(32,130)	5,250
Restricted funds			
ASDA Foundation	415	(373)	42
Groundwork	1,087	(936)	151
Heart of England	4,905	(405)	4,500
Sport England	6,677	(1,325)	5,352
WizzKidz	<u>500</u>	<u>(410)</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>13,584</u>	<u>(3,449)</u>	<u>10,135</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>50,964</u>	<u>(35,579)</u>	<u>15,385</u>

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The General fund represents the free reserves of the CIO that are not designated or restricted for particular purposes.

Heart of England (Dulverton Trust Fund) - to provide fortnightly Stay and Play sessions on a Saturday for families to attend free of charge. These sessions were funded for a total of 26 sessions across 1 calendar year.

Sport England (Movement Fund) - to provide weekly Family Swimming Sessions on a Monday evening for families to attend free of charge.

Groundwork (Stronger Starts) - to support the purchase of specialist equipment to enhance our Sensory Stay and Play sessions.

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 5 April 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the period 10 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

£

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

Donations 34,633

Charitable activities

Outreach work 2,747

Grants 13,584

16,331

Total incoming resources 50,964

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

Wages 2,528

Venue hire 14,862

Sundries 541

Food and drink 346

Sports equipment 2,063

Residential trips 9,660

Equipment hire 50

Staff training 366

Travelling 24

30,440

Support costs

Other

Insurance 448

Telephone 110

Sundries 1,789

Repairs and maintenance 87

Advertising 247

Stripe and SumUp fees 360

3,041

Governance costs

Accountancy and legal fees 2,098

Total resources expended 35,579

Net income 15,385

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

