

Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground CIO

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st 2025

Registered Charity Number 1207973

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

the year beginning April 23rd 2024 (registration date of the CIO) to 31st March 2025

Charitable Status

Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground CIO (Generally referred to as BLAP), was registered in England on 23 April 2024 with registration number 1207973) but was in fact dormant until June 2nd 2025 when the old charity: Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground (BLAP) (273172) ceased to exist and the new charity and bank account began to be used.

Charity law does not allow us to report on the last year of the old charity as we had already begun the process of becoming a CIO in 2024

Trustees

Rae Humberstone June 2nd 2025 (Vice chair of Management Committee)

Susan Price June 2nd 2025 Retired September 22nd 2025

Sabrina Sturdy (resigned from the old charity 6th October 2024

Paula Williams June 2nd 2025

Ewa Gluza June 2nd 2025

Kiawii Goodwin September 22nd 2025

Kirsty-Ann Mabbott September 22nd 2025

Structure Governance and Management

The new CIO has a constitution agreed by the Charity Commission and adopted by the trustees. At the Charity Commission's recommendation, a clause that restricted the age range to 8 – 13,

which the trustees suggested, was removed. The Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground CIO has the new constitution on its web site: www.blap.org.uk

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are for the public benefit, the provision of facilities and activities for the recreation and other leisure time occupation of children or young people aged 8 - 13 resident in and around Oxford (hereinafter called the area of benefit), the facilities and activities being:

- a. those of which the children or young people have need by reason of their youth or social and economic circumstances; and
- b. those which will improve the conditions of life for such children or young people by promoting their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Achievements and Performance

Although we began the process of becoming a CIO in 2024 we did not finish the proceedings, that included obtaining a new lease from Oxfordshire County Council, until June 2nd 2025 and therefore there is no achievements or performance recorded for the year April 1st 2024, to March 31st 2025.

Financial Review

As we did not finally use the new bank account or work as a CIO until June 2nd, 2025, there is no financial review for this year. We are happy that the present amount in the bank (on January 19th 2026) of £67,574.55 is healthy and we will be reporting on this in the financial year ending March 31st, 2026. During 2025 the Management Committee reduced the essential reserves to £20,000 when the cash flow was down (and we were no longer required by the county to be responsible for returning the land to its previous state which would have included demolishing the building and play equipment on the site)

We are pleased to say that, in line with the charity Commission recommendations and our Reserves Policy, we might well in 2026, be able to return to a reserve of £30,000

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the charity have due regard, both to the objectives of the charity as set out above and also to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties. All activities will be carried out in pursuance of the charity's objectives.

Plans for future Period

The chairman of the Management Committee, Bronan Ross, will be encouraging the work of staff and trustees working on fund raising and securing external grants on which the charity relies.

Risk Management

The principal risk to the charity will be in not securing enough funding for the future and, of course, any safeguarding issues arising in the children's activities. We have been pleased with an increase in funds coming in this year (25-26) and the involvement of more of the trustees in the process. We are also grateful to Tanisha Macklin Carr, the Play and Project Manager, who is very mindful of the safety of the children and reports each month to the Management Committee on any issues and how they have been minimised. Adjacent to the playground is an

area where a new community centre is to be built and Tanisha is keeping in close contact with the building contractors (Hills) to ensure the children's safety during demolition work and the rebuilding of the Community Centre.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity Law 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 receipts and payments of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees will be required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent and prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

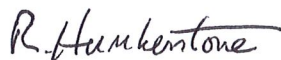
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The treasurer Gail McLintock will continue to liaise with the Project Manager and each month a new report and balance sheet will be presented at the Management Committee.

Independent Examination

Due to the new CIO charity with its new bank account and lease only becoming live on June 2nd 2025, The first report of the new charity will be for the period ending 31st March 2026.

Trustees' signatures: Signed on behalf of BLAP CIO January 20th 2026

Rae Humberstone



Ewa Gluza





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
BLACKBIRD LEYS Adventure Playground CIO

1207973

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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					
nil	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	0	0 0	0	
nil	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
nil	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
nil	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Nil

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Nil	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

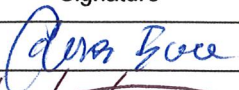
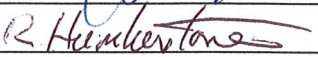
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Nil			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Nil			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature		Date of approval
	Ewa Gluz	21/01/26
	Rae Humberstone	20/01/26