Registered Charity No: 1211282

ST.AGNES ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Michele Curtis (Chair) Zehra Ball Caroldean Ferguson
Registered office	St. Pauls Adventure Playground Fern Street BRISTOL BS2 9LN
Registered Charity number	1211282
Banker	Co-operatve Bank
Independent examiner	Olu Alatise AFA MIPA Lagos Accountancy Services UK Ujima House 97-107 Wilder Street Bristol BS2 8QU

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD 6 DECEMBER 2024 - 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations and Legacies		11,348	265,194	276,542
Other trading activities		1,200	-	1,200
Total Income		**12,548**	**265,194**	**277,742**
Resources Expended				
Charitable activities		-	41,727	41,727
Other expenditures		4,208	28,862	33,070
Total Resources Expended	5	**4,208**	**70,589**	**74,797**
Net income/(deficit) for the year		8,340	194,605	202,945
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Fund balances carried forward		**8,340**	**194,605**	**202,945**

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE PERIOD 6 DECEMBER 2024 - 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible fixed assets	2	96,824
Total Fixed assets		**96,824**
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank		107,766
Total current assets		**107,766**
Creditors due within one year	3	1,645
Net Assets		**202,945**
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted funds		194,605
Unrestricted funds		8,340
		202,945

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Michele Curtis
Chair

Date 23rd October 2026.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees presents its report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31st December 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 2015).

Constitution and objectives

The objects of the Charity (CIO) are for public benefit;

- To further or benefit the residents of St Agnes in St Pauls, and the city of Bristol, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

To advance in life and relieve the needs of young people, in St Agnes in St Pauls and the city of Bristol primarily through:

- Provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life.
- Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

All other Governance information can be found on the Charty constitution.

Key activities and Achievements in the year

The principal achievement has been the successful recovery and reopening of the playground following a prolonged closure and a period of significant organisational challenge. Over the past six years, trustees, staff, volunteers and supporters have worked with commitment, dedication and resilience to protect the space, rebuild confidence, and restore the playground as a safe, welcoming and inclusive community hub for children, families and local residents.

A major milestone was the charity's registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in January 2025. This marked an important step in strengthening governance and accountability. The charity rebuilt its trustee board, restored banking and financial-management systems, cleared historic liabilities from the former CIC, and re-established regular governance and safeguarding oversight. These achievements created the foundation needed for the playground to reopen and operate safely and responsibly.

The playground gradually reopened from February 2025 and was fully open by April 2025. In the first six months, 410 children registered and 51 sessions were delivered against 26 originally planned, generating 1,243 attendances and contacts. The playground reached children and families with significant levels of need: around 70% of registered children received free school meals and approximately 23% had SEND. The provision also reflected and served a culturally diverse community, with one third of registered children recorded as Black, African, Caribbean or Black British.

Another major achievement was the delivery of a capital improvement programme of approximately £110,000. This transformed the physical condition and long-term sustainability of the site. Works included the removal of unsafe structures, installation of a new energy-efficient boiler and hot-water system, drainage and resurfacing, new boundary fencing, expanded play areas, 20 solar panels and a solar battery supported by Quartet Community Foundation. These improvements strengthened safety, reduced future maintenance and energy costs, and made the building more usable for children, families and wider community activity.

St Agnes Adventure Playground has also maintained its long-standing identity as a place where children can play freely, build friendships, learn new skills and feel a sense of belonging. Historically known by different names, including St Paul's Adventure Playground and APE, the site has always been a valued community space where young people could learn to ride bikes, roller skate, make friends and experience a home-from-home environment. Protecting this legacy remains central to the trustees' mission.

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

The charity delivered a broad programme of child-led play and enrichment activities, including football, basketball, karate and self-defence, roller disco, gardening, cooking, arts, drumming and wellbeing activities. A nine-week partnership with 91 Ways supported children to cook healthy food from different cultures. Wider partnerships included Bristol Flyers, Avon and Somerset Police, St John Ambulance, schools, health services, local arts providers and sports organisations, helping to widen opportunities for children and families.

Children have actively influenced the development of the playground, including contributing to a new logo, ideas for an outdoor football pitch and suggestions for future facilities. Trauma-informed practice and coordinated staff support have helped children experiencing bereavement, family stress, isolation and additional needs to build confidence, friendships and a stronger sense of safety and belonging.

The playground's people have been central to its recovery. The appointment of Sharon Benjamin as Managing Director and Geraldine Tappins as Office Manager has strengthened day-to-day operations and provided valuable support to trustees, staff, volunteers, children and families. The wider team includes paid playworkers, volunteer playworkers, a volunteer carpenter and cleaners, alongside trustees who continue to provide regular oversight and presence on site.

Overall, the achievements of St Agnes Adventure Playground demonstrate the strength, passion and determination of the organisation and its community. From reopening the site and restoring governance to improving facilities, building partnerships and supporting children through play, the charity has overcome major obstacles and created a strong platform for the future. The focus now is to continue protecting this important space, strengthening community connections and helping the next generation grow in confidence, creativity, knowledge and life

Financial review for the year, policy and reserve

The income of the charity totals £277,742 with expenditures totalling £74,797. Closing funds of the charity is £202,945.

We are now working towards holding reserves of three months of running costs and have currently set aside £8,340 towards this goal in the event of our grants running out or other unforeseen circumstances arising in the future. Our reserves policy will be reviewed annually.

Trustees responsibilities

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 charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and :

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 taking advantage of the exemptions available to small charities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

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Michele Curtis
Chair

Date 23rd October 2026.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD 6 DECEMBER 2024 - 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31st December 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 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 examiners' statement

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) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3) the accounts did 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.

Signed: Olu

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Date 23/10/2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting: The financial statements of the charity, 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Going concern: At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Donations: Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

(d) Expenditures: Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

(e) Tangible fixed assets: Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:
Leasehold improvement : **10 years SL**, P&M : **10 years SL,** Fixtures and Fittings **: 10 Years SL**

(f) Charitable funds
- Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the
- 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.

(g) Operating leasing commitment: Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(h) Debtors: Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

(i) Creditors: The Charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.
(j) Taxation: The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2. Tangible Assets	Improvement to property - Lease hold	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
	-	-		-
Additions	90,887	7,995	8,700	107,582
Disposals				-
As at 31 December 2025	**90,887**	**7,995**	**8,700**	**107,582**
				-
Depreciation				-
	-	-		-
Charge for the year	9,089	800	870.00	10,758
Disposals	-			-
As at 31 December 2025	**9,089**	**800**	**870**	**10,758**
				-
Net Book value				-
As at 31 December 2025	**81,798**	**7,196**	**7,830**	**96,824**
	-	-	-	-

3. Creditors: Amount due within one year	2025
	£
Accruals	1,645
	1,645

4. Transactions with Trustees and Related parties

No transactions with trustees and related parties in the year.

5. Total Resources Expended	2025
	Total
	£
Staff/Play Workers	27,428
Children Play Session	5,722
Staff Welfare	355
Training Cost	129
Premises Maintenance	3,764
Light and Heat	2,289
Rent	2,524
Telephone and Internet Cost	652
Legal and Professional fees	8,597
Insurance	9,507
Stationery	54
Independent Examination	2,820
Sundry	100
Depreciation	10,758
Website Maintenance Cost	99
Total	74,797