

BRISTOL CHILDREN'S CHARITY

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01365577

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 0276333

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FOREWORD BY THE CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEES OF BRISTOL CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Welcome to our annual report for 2023/24. We are a charity that exists to improve the lives of children within the Bristol BS postcode area who are in conditions of hardship or distress.

This is my first report as Chair of the Trustees, and I wholeheartedly thank the volunteers who fundraise for and administer our Charity. Though I am only recently elected to the Board of Trustees and as Chair, I have extensive previous experience with the Charity and am aware of the difficult times it has faced over the past few years.

2023/24 was only the second full year since 2019 that we were able to operate without interruptions due to imposed Government restrictions. That said, we still faced many challenges with supply issues, increased costs of goods and services, plus the resignations of several key Trustees.

We managed to raise just over £106,600 which was a huge increase on the previous year and a record amount raised. Our flagship Christmas event saw us raise more than £12,300, after costs, in a single day, thanks to a superb team effort.

Collection box receipts continue to reflect the ongoing transition from cash to electronic payments but still provide a valuable contribution.

Appeal applications received totalled 234 - of which 41 were either declined, duplicated or our offers of help were no longer required. That said, of the 193 families we did help the amount we spent totalled almost £55,000 which was an average of around £284 per application, an increase of 21.2% from the previous period. It should be noted that the average appeal value in the current period, 2024/25, has increased further still.

A further £6,984 was spent supporting our long-term education project, Bristol Hospitals Education Service, via our Community Fund.

We lost several key members of the team over the last few months which left a gaping hole. Fortunately, we have now recruited a new team, and things are now getting back to normal, although we are still looking to recruit more people.

I applaud and thank every one of the remaining team for their continued unwavering support and commitment, everyone involved has enabled the Charity to continue in its mission.

As we receive no statutory funding from National or Local Government, it is essential we continue to receive support from local businesses and the public - without their support, Bristol Children's Charity could not continue with the vital work we have pledged to undertake, so please keep those donations coming in. We meanwhile look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Kind regards



Jessica Harvey
Chair of the Trustees
15 October 2024

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of Bristol Children's Charity for the year ended 31 January 2024

Who We Are

Bristol Children's Charity (hereinafter "BCC") is a registered charity (registered number 0276333), and a company limited by guarantee (Company No. 01365577). We exist to raise funds and receive donations for the benefit of the children within the Bristol postcode area suffering under conditions of hardship or distress. By securing donations, legacies and sponsorship, BCC can make a real difference for such children.

We are a small charity that holds no investments or property, relying solely on cash income throughout the year.

The charity is comprised entirely of volunteers, many of whom are also Trustees, who give freely of their time and effort.

We would like you to support us in our crucial work so please read on and let us tell you more about ourselves, what we do, what we have achieved and how we go about spending the money given to us.

What we aim to do: our objectives and activities

The objectives of BCC are to raise funds and apply the income in the form of relief to children within the Bristol postcode area who are in conditions of hardship or distress by providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such children. An important aspect of this objective is furthering the education of such children.

It is the objective of the Trustees to address and respond to every request made to the Charity. It is recognised that in any one year it may not be possible to distribute in its entirety all the sums raised and donated; such amounts as are not distributed may be held over and distributed in subsequent years.

Funds are raised by a small fundraising team. These include private and corporate donations, restricted fund donations (mainly for educational purposes) and the proceeds from numerous fundraising events, including our annual Christmas lunch. This year our target was to significantly increase fundraising.

A small appeals team filters all appeals and where approved, arranges delivery of the requested goods or services to the appellant.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019 and have had regard to the general guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit in ensuring that its aims and objectives comply with sections 4 and 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and are for the public benefit.

The Charity is administered entirely by the Trustees who give freely of the time and without remuneration.

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At the start of our year (February 2023) our plans were to increase our fundraising generally and to develop some longer-term educational funding within the Community Project and for schools in the most deprived areas of Bristol.

What we have achieved: highlights from the activities undertaken in the year

With a reputation within the social care network for speedy response to appeals and a well-defined set of qualifying criteria, the charity has dealt with 234 new appeals during the period, as well as finalising many more outstanding from last year. Many of the responses have been for urgent needs such as the provision of children's beds and bedding for newly housed families and cookers and other domestic appliances to enable everyday life. The provision of clothing and school uniform continues to feature regularly.

On the education front, we provided Bristol Hospital Education with an allotment, supplying many tools, a shed and a greenhouse. This is an ongoing commitment which will include photographic equipment and various other items.

How we funded our work, our achievements and performance

The following figures are taken from the full accounts approved by the Trustees on 15 October 2024 which carry an Independent Examiner's report. If more details are required, please refer to the full accounts. This part of the trustee's annual report comments on key features of those accounts. In this section we firstly explain how we raised the money and then how we spent it.

Money received - £106,608 Money spent - £82,786

BCC can only continue to support the Bristol children in need for as long as we receive the money needed. Almost all our income comes from the voluntary efforts of the public, the efforts of our fundraising team, and from corporate donations.

Money received: sources of funds

Our income this year has been derived from donations and gifts from the public, through corporate donations and through fundraising efforts. Where applicable, Gift Aid has been recovered on donations made through JustGiving, adding a small but valuable additional source of funds.

The total income (£106,608) consists of £27,034 in corporate donations, £48,661 in public donations and £30,913 from fundraising proceeds.

Money spent: what we spent the money on

With an entirely voluntary team administering the charity we are able to direct most of our expenditure on our primary purpose – the relief of suffering in Bristol children.

Expenditure on raising funds was £13,131.

Charitable activities (Appeals Responses) comprised of expenditure of £54,763 of unrestricted funds for general appeals and £6,929 for the Community Project. A further £3,042 of restricted funds was expended on appeals for educational purposes.

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Other costs (£5,011) comprise of Governance costs of £793 and Support costs, (covering IT, compliance, administration, and insurance) of £4,218.

Performance against objectives

We started the year, 1 February 2023, with the objectives of increasing our fundraising and expanding our expenditure for educational purposes. Both corporate and public fundraising increased significantly overall.

We are delighted to say that through generous support from both regular and new donations we have met all eligible appeals throughout the year and with the help of our reserves held over from previous years, have been able to advance the Community Project sufficient funds to enable a great start-up.

Our plans

We are already seeing an increase in both the numbers and the costs of appeals due to the worsening financial situation and increased costs of living. The charity stands ready to meet the impact.

We are committed to meeting all appeals for help where a valid case is made. We have entered a period when corporate and individual sponsorship and fundraising for our BCC Community Project has been significant. We have already made a real difference to the hundreds of children being educated by the Bristol Hospital Education Service, with whom we have partnered for this project, in providing a minibus, sewing, cookery equipment, photography equipment, an allotment and games.

We are now looking forward to the next project with a new enterprise, which we hope to announce very soon.

Our reserves policy

The Trustees' reserves policy is set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association governing the charity as a limited company. The 1978 figures quoted therein are adjusted for inflation and now stand at a minimum of £48,000 and a maximum of £80,000.

The Trustees calculate the reserves as part of the charity's unrestricted income funds that are freely available and not designated as funds for specific projects.

The General Fund (Unrestricted) stood at £78,935 as of 31 January 2024.

The Trustees are content that in the current and potential, short-term future financial circumstances, a reserve at the higher end of that permitted is appropriate.

Our financial health: a strong balance sheet

The assets and liabilities of Bristol Children's Charity as of 31 January 2024 are stated on page 11 and are compared with the position as of 31 January 2023.

Restricted income funds represent money which can only be used for specified purposes.

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Unrestricted income funds are funds available to be spent within the objects of the charity which can legally be spent wholly at the discretion of the Trustees.

How we organise our affairs: reference and administrative details

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

BCC is incorporated, in the form of a company limited by guarantee, and the Trustees are also Directors of the company.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as incorporated 28 April 1978 as amended 9 November 2018, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102) 2019.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance of BCC. Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees who may nominate an individual giving details of that individual's background and suitability for the position. Election to posts within the Trustees is by the Trustees themselves. All appointed trustees and those with 3 years activity are stood up for election by the charity membership at each Annual General Meeting.

All new Trustees are given an understanding of the role of Trustees under Charity Law and being a director under Company Law. They are furnished with the appropriate Charity Commission guidance for Trustees.

The Charity is managed and administered solely by the Board of Trustees. They are guided by the Charity's constitution, approved operating procedures and policy documents. All Trustees give of their time freely and without remuneration.

The Trustees delegate the exercise of certain powers in connection with the management and administration of the charity; this is controlled by regular reports to Trustees so that all decisions, made under delegated powers, can be ratified by the Board of Trustees. Day-to-day management of the charity has been delegated to the following Trustees: The Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer and the Charity Secretary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: Bristol Children's Charity

Registered Company Number: 01365577 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 0276333

Registered Office

42 John Repton Gardens
Bristol
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Directors & Trustees

The Directors and Trustees over the reporting period are:

Director & Trustee	Appointed and Reappointed	Due to stand down	Office
Granville Jenkins	12 April 2018 29 June 2023	June 2025	Chair of Trustees
Nicola Siobhan Harvey	18 October 2018 20 October 2022	Resigned 17 May 2023	Charity Secretary and Trustee
Stephen Richard O'Neill	10 January 2019 20 October 2022	October 2024	Vice Chair of Trustees & Treasurer
Rebecca Bater	1 November 2023	November 2025	Head of Appeals & Trustee
Tracy Samantha Hook	22 February 2024	February 2026	Fundraising
Julie Samantha Houselander	22 February 2024	February 2026	Fundraising
Amelia Lois Knight	7 June 2023	June 2025	Charity Secretary
Anthony Reeves	8 October 2020	Resigned 28 February 2023	
Janet Reynolds	27 April 2023	Resigned 27 February 2023	

Jessica Mhari Harvey was appointed as a Director and Trustee on 21 March 2024 and assumed the role of Chair of Board of Trustees

Gillian Frances Brooks and Joshua Harding were appointed as Directors and Trustees on 18 June 2024.

Mervyn Leigh Brooks was appointed as Company Secretary, Charity Secretary and a Trustee on 18 June 2024.

Following the year end, the following resigned as Directors and Trustees of the Charity: -

Director & Trustee	Date of resignation
Granville Jenkins	21 March 2024
Tracy Samantha Hook	1 April 2024
Julie Samantha Houselander	1 April 2024

Amelia Lois Knight resigned as Charity Secretary on 18 June 2024.

No Trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.

There are no funds held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

No Trustees claim exemption from disclosure.

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Donations:

Via JustGiving at www.justgiving.com/bristolchildrenscharity
or contact fundraising above.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Jessica Harvey
Chair of the Trustees

15 October 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and accounts for each financial year 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 accounts for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- states whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- prepares the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible to 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 charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Jessica Harvey
Chair of the Trustees

15 October 2024

BRISTOL CHILDREN'S CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2024

	Unrestricted Income		Restricted Income		Total Income	
	This Year 2023/2024 £	Prior Year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £	Prior Year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £	Prior Year 2022/2023 £
Income (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	65,824	18,401	9,871	14,332	75,695	32,733
Other trading activities	30,675	38,884	238	-	30,913	38,884
Total	96,499	57,285	10,109	14,332	106,608	71,617
Expenditure (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	13,131	13,618	-	-	13,131	13,618
Charitable activities	54,673	64,655	9,971	2,058	64,644	66,713
Other	5,011	3,308	-	-	5,011	3,308
Total	72,815	81,581	9,971	2,058	82,786	83,639
Net income/(expenditure)	23,684	(24,296)	138	12,274	23,822	(12,022)
Transfers between funds	(16,936)	4,000	16,936	(4,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds	6,748	(20,296)	17,074	8,274	23,822	(12,022)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	72,187	92,483	16,519	8,245	88,706	100,728
Total funds carried forward	78,935	72,187	33,593	16,519	112,528	88,706

BRISTOL CHILDREN'S CHARITY CHARITABLE FUNDS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	This year 2023/2024	Last Year 2022/2023	This year 2023/2024	Last Year 2022/2023	This year 2023/2024	Last Year 2022/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets						
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 7)	78,935	72,993	33,593	16,519	112,528	89,512
Total current assets	78,935	72,993	33,593	16,519	112,528	89,512
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)						
	-	806	-	-	-	806
Net current assets/(liabilities)	78,935	72,187	33,593	16,519	112,528	88,706
Total assets less current liabilities	78,935	72,187	33,593	16,519	112,528	88,706
Total net assets or liabilities	78,935	72,187	33,593	16,519	112,528	88,706
Funds of the Charity (Note 10)						
Restricted income funds	-	-	33,593	16,519	33,593	16,519
Unrestricted funds	78,935	72,187	-	-	78,935	72,187
Total funds	78,935	72,187	33,593	16,519	112,528	88,706

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and their preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with SORP FRS102 2019.

The notes at pages 12 to 19 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Jessica Harvey
Chair of the Trustees
15 October 2024

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There are no assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

1.2 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The current downturn in the economy, coupled with inflation costs has had an impact on the charity's traditional income and expenditure, this has been partially offset by the strenuous and successful efforts of the charity's appeals team. The charity has sufficient reserves to weather the storm in the short term rather than affecting the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risk to the charity is a fall in income from donations however with very small overheads the charity carries no significant financial risk.

The accounts present a true and fair view, and no changes have been made to the accounting policies disclosed above.

No accounting estimates are utilised in the accounts and therefore no changes to estimates have occurred in the accounting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Reconciliation

There is no reconciliation with previous accounting policies necessary.

2.2 Income

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by SORP (FRS 102) or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable.

The charity has not received government grants in the reporting period.

Gift Aid is receivable through JustGiving when there is a valid declaration from the donor and is included in income. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation.

The charity has not received donated goods or services in the current and immediate past years.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

2.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs are paid from the unrestricted (General) fund to preserve the integrity of the restricted (Education and Community) funds which comprises donations and incur no fundraising costs.

The charity does not make grants with or without performance conditions.

The charity has no employees and therefore no redundancy obligations.

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

2.4 Assets

The Charity has no tangible, intangible or heritage assets.

The Charity holds no investments and has no debtors.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

3. Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	This Year 2023/2024 £	Last year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £	Last year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £	Last year 2022/2023 £
Donations and Legacies						
Donations and gifts	65,029	17,437	9,871	14,332	74,900	31,769
Gift Aid	795	964	-	-	795	964
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	65,824	18,401	9,871	14,332	75,695	32,733
Other trading activities						
Fundraising Events	30,675	38,884	-	-	30,675	38,884
Other	-	-	238	-	238	-
Total	30,675	38,884	238	-	30,913	38,884
TOTAL INCOME	96,499	57,285	10,108	14,332	106,608	71,617

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

4. Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	This Year 2023/2024 £	Last Year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £	Last Year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £	Last Year 2022/2023 £
Expenditure on raising funds						
Incurred seeking donations	846	518	-	-	846	518
Staging fundraising events	12,189	11,424	-	-	12,189	11,424
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	96	1,676	-	-	96	1,676
Total expenditure on raising funds	13,131	13,618	-	-	13,131	13,618
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Provision of goods and services for the relief of distress and suffering.	54,673	64,655	9,971	2,058	64,644	66,713
Total expenditure on charitable activities	54,673	64,655	9,971	2,058	64,644	66,713
Other						
Governance	793	848	-	-	793	848
Support Costs (IT, Admin, Insurance)	4,218	2,460	-	-	4,218	2,460
Total other expenditure	5,011	3,308	-	-	5,011	3,308
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	72,815	81,581	9,971	2,058	82,786	83,639

5. Support Costs

Support costs not directly attributable to cost of raising funds or charitable activities are accounted for separately and are paid from the General Fund (Unrestricted).

Restricted Funds consist of donations from sources that have indicated a desire to support a specific aspect of charitable activity and incur no fundraising costs. The minimal charitable activities support costs for restricted funds are borne by the General Fund (Unrestricted).

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

6. Details of certain types of expenditure

6.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Independent examiner's fees	600	600
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	180	180
Total	780	780

7. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	112,528	89,512
Other	-	-
Total	112,528	89,512

8. Analysis of Creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Other creditors	-	806	-	-
Total	-	806	-	-

9. Deferred Income

The charity has no deferred income for this year or last year.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

10. Charity Funds

10.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period.

* Key: PE – R – restricted income funds, including special trusts of the charity; and U – unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type*	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	U	To support all appeals and general costs	72,187	96,499	(72,815)	(16,936)	-	78,935
Designated Community Fund	U	To support long-term education project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Fund	R	To support long-term education project	8,472	10,021	(6,929)	3,199	-	14,763
Education Fund	R	To support education-linked appeals	8,047	88	(3,042)	13,737	-	18,830
Other funds (balancing figure)	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds as per balance sheet			88,706	106,608	(82,786)	-	-	112,528

10.2. Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period.

Fund names	Type*	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	U	To support all appeals and general costs	72,483	57,285	(61,581)	4,000	-	72,187
Designated Community Fund	U	To support long-term education project	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
Community Fund	R	To support long-term education project	1,125	11,832	(485)	(4,000)	-	8,472
Education Fund	R	To support education-linked appeals	7,120	2,500	(1,573)	-	-	8,047
Other funds (balancing figure)	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds as per balance sheet			100,728	71,617	(83,639)	-	-	88,706

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

10.3 Transfers between funds

The sum of £16,936 was transferred from the General Fund to the Community Fund (£3,199) and the Education Fund (£ 13,737) in October 2023, to reckon up each fund's assets and expenditures and physically transfer the funds into separate, interest-paying accounts (still within NatWest Banking Group).

11. Transactions with Trustees and related parties.

11.1 None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity in this year or the previous year.

11.2 The following Trustees' expenses were reimbursed

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year 2023/2024	Last year 2022/2023
	£	£
Travel (Mileage for Children's Christmas Gifts deliveries)	70	144
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
TOTAL	70	144
<div> <div>The number of Trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity</div> <div> <div>2023/2024: 1</div> <div>2022/2023: 1</div> </div> </div>		

11.3 Transactions with related parties are tabled below.

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount		Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£		£	£	£
Jessica Harvey	Chair of Trustees	Printing costs, Web-mastering of charity website and IT support.	516		0	0	0

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

Payment of Company Invoices for work agreed at Board of Trustee meetings.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

12. Additional Disclosures

There are no additional disclosures to report.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRISTOL CHILDRENS CHARITY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts, as set out on pages 10-19, of the Charity Report for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act). The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

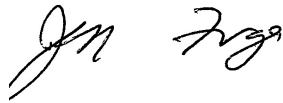
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act or section 130 of the Charities Act, or;
- the accounts do not accord with such accounting records, or;
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2006 Act, the Charities Act and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRISTOL CHILDRENS CHARITY (CONTINUED)

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.



Jeff Fuge FCA

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