



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 April 2023** To **31 Mar 2024**

Charity name: **Weston Adventure Playground**

Charity registration number: **290910**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation and in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of an adventure playground for children and young people resident in Weston. Being facilities of which: a. such children have need by reason of their youth or social and economic circumstances; and b. will improve the conditions of life for such children by promoting their physical mental and spiritual well-being.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Weston Adventure Playground provides a mixture of open access and some closed access play sessions in conjunction with our partners Weston Church Youth Project and Southampton Children's Play Association. Weston Adventure Playground engages in multi agency working with many community groups and agencies such as: Sure Start, Local Schools, Local Churches, Mencap, Saints Foundation, Zoelologic dance, Preschools, Playschools etc. Weston Adventure Playground lets its facilities to other agencies and community groups.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Through the above the charity fulfils its requirements with regard to public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is wholly run by volunteers. A number of whom have contributed donations of time and/or money to assist with the maintenance of the facilities grounds, buildings and equipment.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	WAP has continued to function and maintained its association with both Weston Church Youth Project and Southampton Children's Play Association through the provision of office space and collaboration in providing open access play provision for the children and young people of Weston. This has been of great benefit to these children and young people, offering them space for relaxation, leisure activities and enjoyment.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity aims to hold 3 months operating costs in reserve.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Over 6 months reserves currently held
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Associations principle source of funding is through a contract with Southampton City Council to provide children and youth services in the local area. Alongside this we raise funds from the use of our facilities, not least the rental of office space to our collaborative organisations – SCPA and WCYP. The charity is continually seeking to broaden its funding base and is constantly seeking grants from other grant making bodies.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by membership (4.a) or co-opted by Executive Committee for election at the next AGM (4.e)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Weston Adventure Playground
Other name the charity uses	The Venny
Registered charity number	290910
Charity's principal address	Weston Adventure Playground Kingsclere Avenue Weston Southampton SO199JT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Daron Medway	Chair	19 June 2015-Present	Exec Committee/Members
2	Peter Knight	Treasurer	19 June 2015-Present	Exec Committee/Members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Peter Knight	
Full name(s)	Peter Knight	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	30 April 2024	



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290910

Financial Accounts
For financial year
Ending 31st March 2024

As approved by The Executive Committee

Peter Knight
Treasurer



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Weston Adventure Playground Association

On accounts for the year ended

31st March, 2024

Charity no
(if any) 290910

Set out on pages

3-5 attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

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 Trust's 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 examiner's statement

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16th August, 2024.

Name:

Michael G. Beeby

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CIMA - CGMA

Address:

17 Earbe Baker Avenue

West End

Southampton

SO30 3RH

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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WESTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Charity No 290910

Income Expenditure Account

Year ending 31st March 2024

INCOME (£'s)

	2023-24	2022-23
Annual Grant SCC (<i>note 1</i>)	20000	20000
Other Grants (unrestricted) (<i>note 2</i>)	1756	500
Other Grants (restricted) (<i>note 3</i>)	0	0
Rental Income (<i>note 4</i>)	13940	20800
Interest	253	19
Donations	300	125
Utility Refund (<i>note 5</i>)	20	0
TOTAL	36269	41444

EXPENDITURE (£'s)

	2023-24	2022-23
Building Overheads – utilities, phone, business rates, cleaning, waste (<i>note 6</i>)	7046	5487
Insurance	4720	4913
Maintenance (<i>note 7</i>)	7026	16796
Fundraising	0	96
Advertising/stationary/materials etc	0	0
Costs of lettings	125	0
Legal	100	100
Total	19017	27392

	2023-24	2022-23
Excess (deficit) Income over expenditure	17252	14052
Balance carried forward from previous year	16315	2263
Balance at year end (<i>note 8</i>)	33567	16315

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WESTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

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Statement of assets and Liabilities

Year ending 31st March 2024

CASH ASSETS 31 March 2024

Deposit Account	29934.98
Bank Account	3632.18
Petty Cash	0
Total Cash Assets	33567.16

Asset distribution

Restricted funds

£ 0

Unrestricted funds

£33567.16

LIABILITIES

None.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Held for charities own use

1. Playground of approximately 1 acre with play centre, toilet block, and outdoor play structures. The land held on lease from Southampton City Council at peppercorn rent.

2. Furniture, fixtures and fittings, indoor and outdoor play equipment, tools and materials for maintenance and cleaning.

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Notes

1. We are still in receipt of a grant from Southampton City Council of £20k per year paid quarterly, unfortunately the March 2023 payment was delayed and so is documented in this year's accounts and similarly the March 2024 payment was delayed and so the total figure recorded in the accounts for the year is £20k. This grant is expected to finish in December 2024.
2. In 2023 we received a grant from The COOP Community Fund towards the general activities of the playground.
3. No restricted grants were received this year.
4. One of our regular users (SCPA) ceased to exist in March 2024, which will mean a significant reduction in our regular rental income. We are currently looking at other options to secure regular building use and hence income.
5. This represents a refund from our old phone provider (Plusnet) who ceased all business contracts.
6. Utility costs have been rising considerably. We had been relatively sheltered as we were on long fixed term contracts, however the gas contracted expired during this year resulting in a doubling of gas costs. The electric contract will expire during the coming year.
7. Significant building work was undertaken during 2021 - the final payments were made in the mid part of 2022 hence the significantly higher maintenance cost in the last financial year compared to this.
No significant building work has been undertaken in the past year; however, we have just embarked on the design process for redevelopment of the ball court area.
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