

Thurrock Play Network

Charity Number: 296428

Annual report 2021 and unaudited accounts for the
year ending March 31st 2021

Charity Address:

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Annual report

Thurrock Play Network was set up as an unincorporated Charity in 2000.

It is managed by a Board of trustees and other management members.

Current trustees

Andrea Bull
Dave Henderson
Margaret Henderson
Teresa O’Keeffe
Maggie Pollock
Peter Saunders
Debbie Walker
Roy Williams
Sylvia Yates

Additional committee members

Sara Muldowney
Aileen Burgess

Objectives and activities

Thurrock Play Network offers independent advice, support and resources for play and recreation in the community.

We support the local community of Thurrock and surrounding area to provide activities and play opportunities for our families, that are affordable and inclusive.

- We encourage creative activities, using scrap materials and reducing the amount that goes to landfill
- We support community events, providing activities that are free to all
- We welcome volunteers to celebrate, support and develop their existing skills or help develop new ones, building their confidence
- We run free activities for children and their families to enjoy
- We encourage local businesses to reduce the amount that they send to landfill and which can be reused in our scrapstore
- We support children in providing ideas and materials for their homework projects
- We provide our members, who might be individuals, voluntary or statutory groups with affordable scrap materials to encourage their creativity and reuse.

Following on a major refurbishment of our centre, we had to close a month after reopening due to the pandemic. Planned events had to be cancelled and our scrapstore closed. We were unable to plan far ahead as no sooner had we got back on track there were further lockdowns.

Achievements and performance

Despite the pandemic, following government guidelines, we ensured that our centre met all guidelines to enable us to open on a restricted basis. Our membership has picked up slowly but has recently seen an increase as people gain confidence in going out again. Staff and volunteers have worked hard to ensure that our environment is safe and that we can get back to normal. There has been an increase in donations both from individuals and businesses, which has provided a much greater variety in what we have to offer.

We have been able to run some activities for young children and recently ran a series of creative workshops for some of our members, which were well attended. In addition, we have attended some local community events, providing activities and allowing us to market our organisation.

With funding from the Essex Community Foundation, we were able to have a new website developed, which has made all the difference to us and has reached a much wider audience. We estimate that through our membership, we access over 8000 children in Thurrock, through school and group memberships and individuals.

We are grateful to local businesses and organisations who support us, including IKEA, Morrisons, Cory Riverside Trust and the Coop, as well as many others, who donate to and support our organisation.

Our thanks to all our volunteers without whose help we would struggle. We appreciate your time and commitment.

Planning ahead

- Our current core funding from Thurrock Council come to an end in April and we are waiting to see if we will have their continued support for another year.
- We need to research and look for other funding opportunities that will allow us to be sustainable
- Increasing our volunteer base and ensure that the right training and support is put in place.
- We are looking at other ways to generate income by increasing the number of workshops, hiring out space at an affordable rate to support local community activities
- Planning out events and workshops which encourage the local community to develop their skills and confidence
- Link with other organisations to maximise our potential
- Develop a clear marketing strategy widening our activities to more users
- Developing our scrap bags of affordable resources
- Most importantly get back on track with our plans from nearly 2 years ago, when we first went into lockdown of becoming an invaluable community resource.

Risk management

The trustees and management committee are very aware of the risks that we face as an organisation and that we need to put strategic business plans in place to ensure our future security.

All our policies have been recently updated to meet current legislation to protect staff, volunteers and users. Health and safety policy is paramount and is strictly implemented to ensure the safety of everyone. Policies and procedures are updated as necessary.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy requires that we have £60k put on one side, as unrestricted funds to allow us to maintain our operating costs for a 9 month period, including redundancy costs, in line with government statutory guidelines and contracts.

Financial review

Our accounts show a healthy increase from last year. The previous 3 years had shown a £7k shortfall for each year, which could not be sustained. Despite a fall in income from the usual sources, we were able to retain our core grant and with furlough support, local restrictions grants and no rates due for the year, we have strengthened our financial position, which will be of significant support should our core funding not be renewed.

Signed

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Grants receivable	2	54,410	23,120	77,530	81,889
Donations		4,709		4,709	110
Craft sales		1,359		1,359	4,032
Scrap donations		4,116		4,116	15,290
Deliveries		4		4	299
Services				0	1,800
Activities			722	722	4,490
Hire fees		473		473	558
Membership		1,144		1,144	3,550
Coronavirus JRS		22,001		22,001	
Bank deposit interest		40		40	286
total incoming resources		88,256	23,842	112,098	112,303
Resources expended					
Direct charitable expenditure	3	57,308	28,618	85,926	124,732
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity			73	73	0
Management and administration		1,500	0	1,500	1,500
total resources expended		58,808	28,691	£87,499	£126,232
Net movement in resources		29,448	(4,849)	24,599	(13,929)
Transfers between funds		(4,849)	4,849	0	0
Total funds brought forward		56,211	0	56,211	70,140
Total funds carried forward		£80,809	£0	£80,809	£56,211

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets	4	0	0
Current assets			
Stock		7,145	9,528
Debtors and prepayments	5	2,381	1,250
Bank and cash balances		83,917	58,173
		93,443	68,950

Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year

Creditors and accruals	6	12,634	12,739
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Net current assets		80,809	56,211
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Total assets less current liabilities		£80,809	56,211	0
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Funds

Restricted	7	0	0
Unrestricted	8	80,809	56,211
		£80,809	56,211

Approved by:

on:

the notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

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**Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

1. Accounting policies**a) Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities (the Charities SORP).

b) Grants

Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

c) Other income

Donations, fundraising and gifts are recognised on a received basis.
All other income is recognised in the accounts on an accruals basis.
Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charity. No value is assigned to scrap received

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis

e) Capitalisation

Expenditure on refurbishment, furniture, fittings and equipment which exceeds £300 is capitalised

f) Depreciation

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at
Depreciation is provided at annual rates calculated to spread the cost of each asset over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates currently in use are:

Furniture and fittings	33% net book value
Equipment	33% net book value
Motor vehicles	33% net book value

g) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

h) Cashflow

The charity qualifies as a small company and therefore in accordance with FRS1, no cashflow statement is required

2 Grants Receivable

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
Thurrock Council	31,812	0	31,812	30,000
Thurrock Council - COVID	10,000		10,000	
Thurrock Council - Containers		20,140	20,140	
Local Restrictions Support Grant	10,098		10,098	
VSDf Small grant	2,500		2,500	
Capital redevelopment	0	0	0	50,889
Active Thurrock	0	0	0	1,000
Grant - Riverside Resource	0	0	0	0
Grant Essex Community Fund	0	2,980	2,980	
	54,410	23,120	77,530	81,889

3 Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
			£	£
Wages and salaries	43,093		43,903	48,006
Rent and rates		5,000	5,000	6,085
Premises costs		1,062	1,062	3,854
Activities costs	14,215	22,556	36,771	66,786
Depreciation		0	0	0
	57,308	28,618	86,736	124,732

4 Fixed Assets

	motor vehicle	furniture & fittings	office equipment	total
cost				
balance at 1 April 2020	12,747	55,334	38,358	38,358
disposals				#REF!
additions	0	0	0	0
balance at 31 March 2021	£12,747	£55,334	£38,358	£106,939
depreciation				
balance at 1 April 2020	12,747	55,334	38,358	38,358
disposals			0	0
charge for the year	0	0	0	0
balance at 31 March 2021	£12,747	£55,334	£38,358	106,439
Net book value at 31 March 2021	£0	£0	£0	0
Net book value at 1 April 2020	£0	£0	£0	0

5 Debtors and prepayments

	2021	2020
Sundry debtors	2,381	0
Prepayments	0	1,250
	£2,381	£1,250

6 Creditors and accruals

2021	2020
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HMRC	1,152	2,104
Deferred Income	2,200	0
Creditors and Accruals	9,282	10,635
	£12,634	£12,739

7 Restricted funds

None of the funds of the charity are restricted.

	balance 1.4.2020	movement in fund		balance 31.3.2021
		incoming resources	expensed transferred	
Grant Essex Community Fund	0	2,980	3,250	(270)
CEDF funding	0	20,140	23,600	(3,460)
	0	23,120	26,850	(3,730)

The purpose of the funds are as follows

Essex Community Fund	Grant to develop the website
CEDF funding	Repair of Container rooves and Improving accessibility to building

8 Unrestricted funds

The income fund of the charity consists of the following:

	balance 1.4.2020	movement in fund		balance 31.3.2021
		incoming resources	expensed transferred	
Contingency fund	40,000	20,000		0
	40,000	20,000	0	60,000

The Contingency fund is accumulated from management fees and interest and is for contractual responsibilities. In the opinion of the members of the management committee at 31.3.2021 the main contractual liabilities were:

Redundancy	6652
Lease on Pyramid	5000
Running costs	45000
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9 Contingencies and Contractual commitments

In the opinion of the Members of the Management Committee at 31.3.2021 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual commitments (31.3.2020 None)

10 Members of the Management Committee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the members of the Management Committee were remunerated directly or indirectly. There was no reimbursement of expenses (31.3.2020 £nil)

