

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019  
for  
free@last**

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

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**Reference and Administrative Details  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

|                                      |   |
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| <b>TRUSTEES</b>                      | Ricardo Atlan<br>Jacqueline Sergent<br>Peter Higgs<br>Abu Miah (resigned 10.1.19)<br>Rubina Darr<br>Melissa Shervington<br>Daniel Cremin Company Director (appointed 27.9.18)<br>John Richard Moore Accountant (appointed 18.1.19)<br>Naomi Spencer Company Director (appointed 4.6.19) |
| <b>COMPANY SECRETARY</b>             | John Street   |
| <b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>             | 49 Nechells Park Road<br>Birmingham<br>B7 5PR   |
| <b>REGISTERED COMPANY<br/>NUMBER</b> | 04723576 (England and Wales)  |
| <b>REGISTERED CHARITY<br/>NUMBER</b> | 1101078   |
| <b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>          | Locke Williams Associates LLP<br>Chartered Accountants<br>Blackthorn House<br>St Pauls Square<br>Birmingham<br>West Midlands<br>B3 1RL  |
| <b>BANKERS</b>                       | HSBC<br>9 Queens Square<br>Wolverhampton<br>West Midlands<br>WV1 1TE  |

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**Director's report  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

This has been the a very challenging year for us as an organisation. We have seen a high turn over of staff as well as the loss of our longest standing business, but in the midst of the trials and challenges, we have seen an increase in those using our services, a wider range of innovative activities and an increase in the amount of local people (young and old) becoming volunteers and taking ownership of projects.

The key challenges for any charity remain the same - sustainability, raising awareness and delivering effective projects. We have these same areas to navigate through and thankfully the vast amount of support that we have from individuals and businesses is ever growing and enabling us to continue our work, increase our range and remit and enabling us to make a significant difference in the lives of the people we are here to serve.

We still have a long way to go until we can implement our strategy to eradicate child poverty, but we are making significant strides towards this, and thankfully many more people are joining our journey to support the reach of our work and to make the best impact that we can. We are forever thankful to all of those who share our burdens and make life a little easier to manage, your continued support and generosity is amazing, thank you.

John Street



**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

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 the charity for the year ended 31 July 2019. 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Vision**

To improve the lives of the children and young people of Nechells.

**Mission**

free@last is committed to providing opportunities, activities, mentoring and support for children and young people in Nechells, and to further their interests by working with their families, other agencies and relevant professionals.

**Values**

Giving opportunities to all young people in Nechells without distinction.

**Aims and objectives**

To engage children and young people in a range of developmental and progressive activities which provide opportunities for success and to broaden their horizons.

To support children and young people through life's challenges and difficulties.

To support their families to provide the best possible environment for their children to grow, develop and flourish.

To take a multi-agency approach to improving the lives of children and young people.

**Public benefit**

The trustees confirm that: in the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have due regard to the published guidance from the charity commission on the operation of the public benefit requirement; and the aims of the charity are carried out for the public benefit. The trustees consider the support to disadvantaged and poorer members of the community in Birmingham, and dissemination of lessons learned to the rest of the country, to be of public benefit, having had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Introduction**

The heart and soul of free@last is focused on the children and young people of Nechells, with the aim of broadening their horizons through a wide variety of opportunities and unconditional support to help them through the difficulties and challenges they face. We are a needs-led organisation that builds positive and meaningful relationships with young people and through these relationships we are able to constantly adapt and develop our work to reflect the desires and dreams of those we are here to serve.

**Youth Activities**

At free@last we run several youth clubs to help give children aged between five and eighteen a safe environment to relax and have fun together whilst at the same time build confidence, new friendships and positive relationships. These clubs offer participants access to our other services as well as off-site trips and activities. Alongside the youth clubs we run other clubs and activities including and adventurous activity club, karate, music production, a young peoples' Rotary group, climbing lessons, photography skills and business skills for young people.

**Mentoring**

Each year, through the generosity of Children in Need, we are able to mentor and support children with complex and difficult lives. During the past year we have provided this service for 36 children aged 6 to 16 at 4 different locations. Issues they face range from low confidence to domestic violence, and everything in between, so it's imperative that we do not restrict the amount of support that each child needs. The programme supports the children through a broad range of issues which can include, anger management, interpersonal skills, social disengagement, peer conflict, rivalry, over competitiveness, health barriers, ongoing family disputes and parental over protectiveness. In their weekly sessions, the mentee will have one-to-one contact with their mentor as well as participating in group mentoring sessions where appropriate.

**Nechells Lions FC**

This year our under 11's football team became our under 12's football team and moved from the Sandwell Minor League to the Walsall League. The Nechells Lions are run by one of our trustees and a volunteer, providing regular training sessions to improve their skills and teamwork, and competitive football.





**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**FAMILIES & ADVICE & GUIDANCE**

**Dads Do It Too!**

Sadly, there is still no specific funding currently available for a dedicated Dads Worker. However, the important role of dads is still actively promoted within our services, with support given as much as possible when our limited resources allow.

We do support several whole families, providing mentoring for children and parents, whole family activities, day trips and camping residentials. We have begun a parent's group to help plan family sessions and for them to raise awareness of our activities with their neighbours and friends.



**Advice & Guidance**

We continue to provide a specialist service helping local people with their personal debt and benefit problems. Our experience has shown that a supportive, understanding and approachable service is essential for those with financial difficulties to feel relaxed and comfortable discussing their personal circumstances with someone not known to them personally. With our advocacy service and regular courses in financial literacy for local people our aim is to have a positive influence on our clients' ability to be responsible for their own money management and benefits entitlement awareness.

Although this project has reduced debt and increased benefit entitlements to over £25 million, we cannot find a funder to support this project, so it is split between our own funds, charging for the service and our adviser graciously volunteering.

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**THE NEW BUILDING**

After many years of hard work and belief, we finally moved into our brand new centre on the 22nd December 2017, just in time for us to cook lunch on Christmas Day for 29 local people. It has been a very intense and long journey, from a small rented office to a £2 million multi-purpose youth and community centre, and we have been truly blessed by some many people joining us along the way.



The new centre has a wide variety of activities for local children, young people and adults, including a recording studio, green screen and design suite, a business workshop, a training independent living flat, a youth club room and girls only room, training kitchen and soft playroom. We also have a 14 metre climbing wall, with the Midlands hardest climb on it! As well as the specific activity areas, we have the capacity for developing and delivering a vast array of services for all ages.

**What practical difference do we make?**

The impact of our new building has already increased positive engagement of young people with our services and the decrease of negative, risky behaviour. We have had over 2,000 people use the centre during its first two years of operation, providing a variety of practical workshops, fun based activities and social gatherings, as well as supporting people through an increasing number of difficult and painful circumstances, as more local residents invite us to be involved in their lives. We have also enabled many adults and children increase their confidence and skills, improving their lives and making a significant difference for the better.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Businesses**

It is the intention of free@last to become as self-sustaining as possible through running our own businesses and generating our own income from a wide variety of sources. This accounting year has seen an increase in our business income and we have generated £174,907 of our own income - accounting for 46.1% of our total income. We aim to increase our business profit for free@last so that we can recruit staff members for at least 10 years, rather than losing key employees due to funding restrictions.



**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**Family Fun Zone**

This is our activity-based unit situated at Star City - a highly popular local leisure and entertainment complex in Birmingham. We offer several pay and play activities including archery, crossbows, BB gun target shooting, arts & crafts and a soft play ball pit.

One of the best things about the Family Fun Zone is that we employ local young people and to date 30 teenagers have had the opportunity to learn employability skills and customer service. As we are becoming more established we are seeing regular customers coming back time and again. Overall, the number of people who visit the Family Fun Zone has increased over the year.

Star City continues to show us fantastic support again this year and all the profits from this venture go to free@last to be spent on core costs that other funders are unable to contribute towards.



**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Principal financial management policies**

The company is small with limited resources. It operates on the basis of spending as little as possible on whatever it buys and ensures there are funds in the bank before making any commitment.

**General financial review**

Over the past year we have generated income through a variety of different means, including grant making trusts, statutory services, our business, donations and general appeals. We have a solid financial position, which we have worked hard to achieve and are now in the process of growth, primarily through generating income through our own businesses and Club 3000. Our future plans are to increase the impact and availability of our services to more people who live in Nechells.

Unrestricted funds have increased in the year from £29,136 to £57,707.

Restricted funds have decreased in the year from £2,040,921 to £2,012,462. This is in large part to the depreciation of the building and other assets held in these funds.

**Reserves policy**

**General reserves**

The trustees are working towards holding unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet the charity's day to day expenditure for six months. This target is a long way from being fulfilled and will take several years to achieve. Restricted funds will depend on timing of securing and receiving funding and timing of the expenditure on activities. activities.

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**FUTURE PLANS**

Over the following year our plans are as follows:

- During a time of economic crisis in the voluntary and statutory sectors we aim to increase the provision of our youth services to fill the gaps and enable all our young people to access services and support for improving their lives.
- We aim to provide new services to address some of the health inequalities and difficulties that our community faces, particularly sporting initiatives.
- Increase the involvement of young people and adults in social action in our neighbourhood.
- Generate more self-funded income through our businesses.
- We aim to develop the relationships we have with businesses and improve our partnership working in all 3 sectors.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document and Charity Constitution**

free@last began in August 1999 and first registered as a Charity on 9th December 1999 and then became a charitable company limited by guarantee on 4th April 2003. The charity and company numbers and other information are included as a front sheet.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company. It is governed under its Articles of Association under which the board of directors (who are also Trustees of the charitable company) are elected at AGM to serve for a period of one year.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees are appointed by the board. The company requires a minimum of three trustees to be appointed. The board identify areas where particular knowledge or expertise is required and seek to recruit new trustees by advertising and personal contacts.

**Organisational structure**

The charity is a small entity which is run on a daily and operational basis by the chief executive together with a small number of employees and volunteers. The board of trustees meet a minimum of four times a year and take responsibility for decisions regarding our services, the building, our people and the businesses operated by the charity.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

Potential trustees attend the premises and a board/committee meeting as part of the induction process to ensure they are familiar with the services provided and our procedures. They are nominated by the board before appointment.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 June 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

  
John Street - Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
free@last (Registered number: 04723576)**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of free@last ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2019.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | <b>31.7.19<br/>Total<br/>funds<br/>£</b> | 31.7.18<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |       |                            |                          |  |                                |
| Donations and legacies             | 2     | <b>47,914</b>              | <b>156,481</b>           | <b>204,395</b>                           | 1,289,678                      |
| Other trading activities           | 3     | <b>174,907</b>             | -                        | <b>174,907</b>                           | 150,320                        |
| Investment income                  | 4     | <b>72</b>                  | -                        | <b>72</b>                                | 38                             |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <b>222,893</b>             | <b>156,481</b>           | <b>379,374</b>                           | 1,440,036                      |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                            |                          |  |                                |
| Raising funds                      |       | <b>106,889</b>             | -                        | <b>106,889</b>                           | 68,287                         |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |       |                            |                          |  |                                |
| General                            |       | <b>70,617</b>              | <b>6,414</b>             | <b>77,031</b>                            | 105,157                        |
| Building                           |       | <b>581</b>                 | <b>28,472</b>            | <b>29,053</b>                            | 1,648                          |
| Youth and Children                 |       | <b>8,650</b>               | <b>144,815</b>           | <b>153,465</b>                           | 106,217                        |
| Families                           |       | <b>1,207</b>               | <b>520</b>               | <b>1,727</b>                             | 9,547                          |
| Advice and Guidance                |       | <b>5,701</b>               | -                        | <b>5,701</b>                             | 28,793                         |
| Other                              | 5     | <b>577</b>                 | <b>4,719</b>             | <b>5,296</b>                             | 2,347                          |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <b>194,222</b>             | <b>184,940</b>           | <b>379,162</b>                           | 321,996                        |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments  |       | <b>(100)</b>               | -                        | <b>(100)</b>                             | -                              |
| <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    |       | <b>28,571</b>              | <b>(28,459)</b>          | <b>112</b>                               | 1,118,040                      |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                            |                          |  |                                |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b> |       | <b>29,136</b>              | <b>2,040,921</b>         | <b>2,070,057</b>                         | 952,017                        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <b>57,707</b>              | <b>2,012,462</b>         | <b>2,070,169</b>                         | 2,070,057                      |

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 July 2019**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 31.7.19<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 31.7.18<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Tangible assets                              | 11    | 59,353                     | 1,975,226                | 2,034,579                      | 2,055,240                      |
| Investments                                  | 12    | -                          | -                        | -                              | 100                            |
|  |       | <b>59,353</b>              | <b>1,975,226</b>         | <b>2,034,579</b>               | <b>2,055,340</b>               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Debtors                                      | 13    | 2,139                      | 1,500                    | 3,639                          | 15,793                         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |       | <b>25,785</b>              | <b>35,736</b>            | <b>61,521</b>                  | <b>55,702</b>                  |
|  |       | <b>27,924</b>              | <b>37,236</b>            | <b>65,160</b>                  | <b>71,495</b>                  |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 14    | (29,570)                   | -                        | (29,570)                       | (56,778)                       |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <b>(1,646)</b>             | <b>37,236</b>            | <b>35,590</b>                  | <b>14,717</b>                  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | <b>57,707</b>              | <b>2,012,462</b>         | <b>2,070,169</b>               | <b>2,070,057</b>               |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       | <b>57,707</b>              | <b>2,012,462</b>         | <b>2,070,169</b>               | <b>2,070,057</b>               |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 | 15    |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Unrestricted funds:                          |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| General Activities                           |       |                            |                          | 30,282                         | 9,872                          |
| Building Fund                                |       |                            |                          | 27,744                         | 19,264                         |
| Youth and Children Activities                |       |                            |                          | (1,462)                        | -                              |
| Family Activities                            |       |                            |                          | 98                             | -                              |
| WECANB7                                      |       |                            |                          | 1,045                          | -                              |
|  |       |                            |                          | <b>57,707</b>                  | <b>29,136</b>                  |
| Restricted funds:                            |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| General Activities                           |       |                            |                          | 7,464                          | (526)                          |
| Building Fund                                |       |                            |                          | 1,924,478                      | 1,949,606                      |
| Youth and Children Activities                |       |                            |                          | 42,944                         | 58,908                         |
| Family Activities                            |       |                            |                          | 28,710                         | 26,715                         |
| Advice & Guidance                            |       |                            |                          | -                              | 2,140                          |
| Management                                   |       |                            |                          | -                              | 2,635                          |
| WECAN B7                                     |       |                            |                          | -                              | (1,535)                        |
| Big Build                                    |       |                            |                          | -                              | 2,978                          |
| Norton Foundation - new computers            |       |                            |                          | 8,866                          | -                              |
|  |       |                            |                          | <b>2,012,462</b>               | <b>2,040,921</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                           |       |                            |                          | <b>2,070,169</b>               | <b>2,070,057</b>               |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2019.

The notes form part of these financial statements



**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**31 July 2019**

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 June 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Ricardo Atlan - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity receives grants in respect of its core activities. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs are shown net of any recoverable VAT.

Costs of raising funds includes direct staff and other costs for trading activities to raise funds.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Long leasehold        | - Over the period of the lease |
| Plant and machinery   | - 4% on cost                   |
| Fixtures and fittings | - 10% on cost                  |
| Motor vehicles        | - 25% on reducing balance      |
| Computer equipment    | - 33% on cost                  |

The leasehold building is held under a 125 year lease with Birmingham City Council until August 2141.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 July 2019**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|           | <b>31.7.19</b>        | 31.7.18          |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
|           | £                     | £                |
| Donations | <b>36,915</b>         | 48,904           |
| Grants    | <b>167,480</b>        | 1,240,774        |
|           | <b><u>204,395</u></b> | <u>1,289,678</u> |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

|  | <b>31.7.19</b>        | 31.7.18          |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
|  | £                     | £                |
| Children in Need                         | <b>20,783</b>         | 40,429           |
| Big Lottery Fund - core activities       | <b>112,646</b>        | 92,262           |
| Big Lottery Fund - The Big Build         | -                     | 838,583          |
| Four Acre Trust                          | <b>8,002</b>          | -                |
| The Norton Foundation                    | <b>12,199</b>         | -                |
| Family Holiday Association               | <b>1,800</b>          | -                |
| The Henry Smith Charitable Trust         | -                     | 100,000          |
| Michael Marsh Charitable Trust           | <b>3,000</b>          | 120,000          |
| Sport England                            | -                     | 45,000           |
| Woodroffe Benton Foundation              | <b>750</b>            | -                |
| The George Perkins Charitable Trust      | <b>3,000</b>          | -                |
| The Montal Charitable trust              | <b>2,000</b>          | -                |
| The DMF Ellis Charitable trust           | <b>2,000</b>          | -                |
| The Cook & Wolstenholme Charitable Trust | <b>1,000</b>          | -                |
| Jarman Charitable Trust                  | <b>300</b>            | -                |
| Other grants                             | -                     | 4,500            |
|  | <b><u>167,480</u></b> | <u>1,240,774</u> |

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**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|   | <b>31.7.19</b>        | 31.7.18        |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|
|   | £                     | £              |
| Fundraising events                          | <b>33,060</b>         | 19,849         |
| Family Fun Zone                             | <b>119,327</b>        | 113,699        |
| Room hire fees                              | <b>10,585</b>         | -              |
| Other activities                            | <b>3,465</b>          | 110            |
| Recharges to group and associated companies | <b><u>8,470</u></b>   | <u>16,662</u>  |
|   | <b><u>174,907</u></b> | <u>150,320</u> |

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

|                          | <b>31.7.19</b>   | 31.7.18   |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|
|                          | £                | £         |
| Deposit account interest | <b><u>72</u></b> | <u>38</u> |

**5. OTHER**

|   | <b>31.7.19</b>      | 31.7.18      |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
|   | £                   | £            |
| Loss on investments in trading subsidiaries | <b><u>5,296</u></b> | <u>2,347</u> |

Other expenditure in the year reflects the write off of the investment in and debt due from the subsidiary FREAX, which entered into liquidation after the balance sheet date.

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

|                                     | <b>31.7.19</b>      | 31.7.18  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
|                                     | £                   | £        |
| Depreciation - owned assets         | <b>37,811</b>       | 6,686    |
| Deficit on disposal of fixed assets | <b>393</b>          | -        |
| Independent Examination fee         | <b><u>2,040</u></b> | <u>-</u> |

**7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

|  | <b>31.7.19</b>  | 31.7.18      |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
|  | £               | £            |
| Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements | <b><u>-</u></b> | <u>2,040</u> |

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**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2019 nor for the year ended 31 July 2018.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2019 nor for the year ended 31 July 2018.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

|                       | <b>31.7.19</b>        | 31.7.18        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                       | <b>£</b>              | £              |
| Wages and salaries    | <b>188,757</b>        | 178,211        |
| Social security costs | <b>8,932</b>          | 7,648          |
| Other pension costs   | <b><u>1,852</u></b>   | <u>894</u>     |
|                       | <b><u>199,541</u></b> | <u>186,753</u> |

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

|                   | <b>31.7.19</b>   | 31.7.18   |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
|                   | <b><u>18</u></b> | <u>18</u> |
| General employees |                  |           |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £30,195 (2018 £30,288).

**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b> |                            |                          |                     |
| Donations and legacies            | 35,342                     | 1,254,336                | 1,289,678           |
| Other trading activities          | 150,320                    | -                        | 150,320             |
| Investment income                 | <u>38</u>                  | <u>-</u>                 | <u>38</u>           |
| <b>Total</b>                      | 185,700                    | 1,254,336                | 1,440,036           |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>             |                            |                          |                     |
| Raising funds                     | 68,287                     | -                        | 68,287              |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>      |                            |                          |                     |
| General                           | 104,631                    | 526                      | 105,157             |
| Building                          | -                          | 1,648                    | 1,648               |
| Youth and Children                | -                          | 106,217                  | 106,217             |
| Families                          | 458                        | 9,089                    | 9,547               |
| Advice and Guidance               | -                          | 28,793                   | 28,793              |
| Other                             | <u>2,347</u>               | <u>-</u>                 | <u>2,347</u>        |
| <b>Total</b>                      | 175,723                    | 146,273                  | 321,996             |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                 | 9,977                      | 1,108,063                | 1,118,040           |



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**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                            |                          |                     |
| Total funds brought forward        | 19,160                     | 932,857                  | 952,017             |
|                                    | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                    | <hr/>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u>29,137</u>              | <u>2,040,920</u>         | <u>2,070,057</u>    |

**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                        | Long<br>leasehold<br>£ | Plant and<br>machinery<br>£ | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>            |                        |                             |                                  |
| At 1 August 2018       | 1,842,085              | 115,000                     | 129,471                          |
| Additions              | -                      | -                           | 7,543                            |
| Disposals              | -                      | -                           | (1,966)                          |
|                        | <hr/>                  | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            |
| At 31 July 2019        | <u>1,842,085</u>       | <u>115,000</u>              | <u>135,048</u>                   |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>    |                        |                             |                                  |
| At 1 August 2018       | -                      | -                           | 60,318                           |
| Charge for year        | 14,737                 | 4,200                       | 8,290                            |
| Eliminated on disposal | -                      | -                           | (1,573)                          |
|                        | <hr/>                  | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            |
| At 31 July 2019        | <u>14,737</u>          | <u>4,200</u>                | <u>67,035</u>                    |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>  |                        |                             |                                  |
| At 31 July 2019        | <u>1,827,348</u>       | <u>110,800</u>              | <u>68,013</u>                    |
| At 31 July 2018        | <u>1,842,085</u>       | <u>115,000</u>              | <u>69,153</u>                    |

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**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

|                        | Motor<br>vehicles<br>£ | Computer<br>equipment<br>£ | Totals<br>£      |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>COST</b>            |                        |                            |                  |
| At 1 August 2018       | 33,954                 | 24,940                     | 2,145,450        |
| Additions              | -                      | 10,000                     | 17,543           |
| Disposals              | -                      | -                          | (1,966)          |
|                        | <u>33,954</u>          | <u>34,940</u>              | <u>2,161,027</u> |
| At 31 July 2019        |                        |                            |                  |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>    |                        |                            |                  |
| At 1 August 2018       | 4,952                  | 24,940                     | 90,210           |
| Charge for year        | 7,251                  | 3,333                      | 37,811           |
| Eliminated on disposal | -                      | -                          | (1,573)          |
|                        | <u>12,203</u>          | <u>28,273</u>              | <u>126,448</u>   |
| At 31 July 2019        |                        |                            |                  |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>  |                        |                            |                  |
| At 31 July 2019        | <u>21,751</u>          | <u>6,667</u>               | <u>2,034,579</u> |
| At 31 July 2018        | <u>29,002</u>          | <u>-</u>                   | <u>2,055,240</u> |

A legal charge is held against the property, in the name of The Big Lottery Fund, against the total sum of grant income received for the rebuild of £967,537. The charge remains in place for twenty five years from 15 August 2016.

**12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

**Freax Limited**

Registered office: United Kingdom

Nature of business: Adventurous activity providers

Class of share: %  
 Ordinary holding **100**

|                                |                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | <b>31.7.19</b> | 31.7.18        |
|                                | £              | £              |
| Aggregate capital and reserves | -              | (2,075)        |
| Loss for the year              | <u>-</u>       | <u>(6,380)</u> |

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**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                    | <b>31.7.19</b>      | 31.7.18       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                                    | £                   | £             |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | -                   | 5,181         |
| Prepayments and accrued income     | <u><b>3,639</b></u> | <u>10,612</u> |
|                                    | <u><b>3,639</b></u> | <u>15,793</u> |

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                 | <b>31.7.19</b>       | 31.7.18       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                 | £                    | £             |
| Trade creditors                 | <b>2,886</b>         | 7,796         |
| Tax                             | -                    | 50            |
| Social security and other taxes | <b>1,880</b>         | 3,048         |
| Other creditors                 | <b>22,740</b>        | 22,740        |
| Accruals and deferred income    | <u><b>2,064</b></u>  | <u>23,144</u> |
|                                 | <u><b>29,570</b></u> | <u>56,778</u> |

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                                   | At 1.8.18               | Net<br>movement<br>in funds | At<br>31.7.19           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                   | £                       | £                           | £                       |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>         |                         |                             |                         |
| General Activities                | <b>9,872</b>            | <b>20,410</b>               | <b>30,282</b>           |
| Building Fund                     | <b>19,264</b>           | <b>8,480</b>                | <b>27,744</b>           |
| Youth and Children Activities     | -                       | <b>(1,462)</b>              | <b>(1,462)</b>          |
| Family Activities                 | -                       | <b>98</b>                   | <b>98</b>               |
| WECANB7                           | -                       | <b>1,045</b>                | <b>1,045</b>            |
|                                   | <u><b>29,136</b></u>    | <u><b>28,571</b></u>        | <u><b>57,707</b></u>    |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>           |                         |                             |                         |
| General Activities                | <b>(526)</b>            | <b>7,990</b>                | <b>7,464</b>            |
| Building Fund                     | <b>1,949,606</b>        | <b>(25,128)</b>             | <b>1,924,478</b>        |
| Youth and Children Activities     | <b>58,908</b>           | <b>(15,964)</b>             | <b>42,944</b>           |
| Family Activities                 | <b>26,715</b>           | <b>1,995</b>                | <b>28,710</b>           |
| Advice & Guidance                 | <b>2,140</b>            | <b>(2,140)</b>              | -                       |
| Management                        | <b>2,635</b>            | <b>(2,635)</b>              | -                       |
| WECAN B7                          | <b>(1,535)</b>          | <b>1,535</b>                | -                       |
| Big Build                         | <b>2,978</b>            | <b>(2,978)</b>              | -                       |
| Norton Foundation - new computers | -                       | <b>8,866</b>                | <b>8,866</b>            |
|                                   | <u><b>2,040,921</b></u> | <u><b>(28,459)</b></u>      | <u><b>2,012,462</b></u> |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                | <u><b>2,070,057</b></u> | <u><b>112</b></u>           | <u><b>2,070,169</b></u> |

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                                   | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Gains and<br>losses<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>         |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| General Activities                | 200,274                    | (179,764)                  | (100)                    | 20,410                    |
| Building Fund                     | 8,702                      | (222)                      | -                        | 8,480                     |
| Youth and Children Activities     | 7,189                      | (8,651)                    | -                        | (1,462)                   |
| Family Activities                 | 1,305                      | (1,207)                    | -                        | 98                        |
| Advice & Guidance                 | 5,423                      | (5,423)                    | -                        | -                         |
| WECANB7                           | -                          | 1,045                      | -                        | 1,045                     |
|                                   | <u>222,893</u>             | <u>(194,222)</u>           | <u>(100)</u>             | <u>28,571</u>             |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>           |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| General Activities                | 8,000                      | (10)                       | -                        | 7,990                     |
| Building Fund                     | 1                          | (25,129)                   | -                        | (25,128)                  |
| Youth and Children Activities     | 133,731                    | (149,695)                  | -                        | (15,964)                  |
| Family Activities                 | 2,550                      | (555)                      | -                        | 1,995                     |
| Advice & Guidance                 | -                          | (2,140)                    | -                        | (2,140)                   |
| Management                        | -                          | (2,635)                    | -                        | (2,635)                   |
| WECAN B7                          | -                          | 1,535                      | -                        | 1,535                     |
| Big Build                         | -                          | (2,978)                    | -                        | (2,978)                   |
| Norton Foundation - new computers | 12,199                     | (3,333)                    | -                        | 8,866                     |
|                                   | <u>156,481</u>             | <u>(184,940)</u>           | <u>-</u>                 | <u>(28,459)</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                | <u><u>379,374</u></u>      | <u><u>(379,162)</u></u>    | <u><u>(100)</u></u>      | <u><u>112</u></u>         |

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

|                               | At 1.8.17<br>£        | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.7.18<br>£      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>     |                       |                                  |                         |
| General Activities            | 9,880                 | (8)                              | 9,872                   |
| Building Fund                 | 8,822                 | 10,442                           | 19,264                  |
| WECANB7                       | 458                   | (458)                            | -                       |
|                               | <u>19,160</u>         | <u>9,976</u>                     | <u>29,136</u>           |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>       |                       |                                  |                         |
| General Activities            | -                     | (526)                            | (526)                   |
| Building Fund                 | 844,110               | 1,105,496                        | 1,949,606               |
| Youth and Children Activities | 44,942                | 13,966                           | 58,908                  |
| Family Activities             | 22,779                | 3,936                            | 26,715                  |
| Advice & Guidance             | 12,623                | (10,483)                         | 2,140                   |
| Management                    | 2,635                 | -                                | 2,635                   |
| WECAN B7                      | 2,790                 | (4,325)                          | (1,535)                 |
| Big Build                     | 2,978                 | -                                | 2,978                   |
|                               | <u>932,857</u>        | <u>1,108,064</u>                 | <u>2,040,921</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>            | <u><u>952,017</u></u> | <u><u>1,118,040</u></u>          | <u><u>2,070,057</u></u> |

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                               | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>     |                            |                            |                           |
| General Activities            | 175,258                    | (175,266)                  | (8)                       |
| Building Fund                 | 10,442                     | -                          | 10,442                    |
| WECANB7                       | -                          | (458)                      | (458)                     |
|                               | <u>185,700</u>             | <u>(175,724)</u>           | <u>9,976</u>              |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>       |                            |                            |                           |
| General Activities            | -                          | (526)                      | (526)                     |
| Building Fund                 | 1,107,144                  | (1,648)                    | 1,105,496                 |
| Youth and Children Activities | 119,781                    | (105,815)                  | 13,966                    |
| Family Activities             | 4,500                      | (564)                      | 3,936                     |
| Advice & Guidance             | 18,310                     | (28,793)                   | (10,483)                  |
| WECAN B7                      | <u>4,601</u>               | <u>(8,926)</u>             | <u>(4,325)</u>            |
|                               | <u>1,254,336</u>           | <u>(146,272)</u>           | <u>1,108,064</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>            | <u><u>1,440,036</u></u>    | <u><u>(321,996)</u></u>    | <u><u>1,118,040</u></u>   |

**Purpose of funds**

General Activities - Specific Core expenses ie Salaries etc.

Building Fund - To raise money for the purchase of a new building, which the charity purchased in the previous year. The fund is now also for the general upkeep of the property in which the charity received restricted monies for.

Youth & Children Activities - To provide support and development services to children and young people within the local community through the funding of several full time and part time youth workers.

Family Activities - Families Project - To provide support and development services to families in the local community in the Nechells area.

Advice & Guidance - To provide advice to residents of the Nechells area regarding financial difficulties and welfare benefit entitlements.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**Freax Limited**

During the year the following transactions occurred between Free@last and Freax Limited, a company 100% owned by Free@last:

Free@last received from Freax Limited a total of £8,470 (2018 - £16,662), for various expenses, including recharges of staff costs.

At the balance sheet date, free@last was owed £5,295 (2018 - £5,180). Since the balance sheet date, FREAX Limited has been put into liquidation. Accordingly a full provision has been made against this debt owed as being unrecoverable.



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**17. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

Free@last is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.