

BLACKBIRD LEYS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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Registered Charity No.: 273172

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report for the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Charitable Status

Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground (generally known as BLAP) is a charity, registered in England, number 273172.

Trustees

The Trustees who have held office at any point during the year ended 31 March 2023 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Mr Rae Humberstone	(Chairman)
Mrs Sue Price	
Dr Hosniel D Marbini	
Ms Hollie Tuckwell	(Resigned 26 September 2022)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed via a Constitution adopted 29 March 1976 and subsequent variations.

All new Trustees are recruited on the recommendation of organisations and people with whom the charity works, or by existing Trustees; they are given an induction pack and offered appropriate training and advice about relevant Charity Commission publications in order to fulfil their role.

Objectives and activities

The objective of Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground is the provision of play and recreation facilities and other leisure time occupation for children resident in and around Oxford.

Achievements and performance

Full details of BLAP activities are given on the charity's website, including a current Business Plan. Principal activities are the After School Club, various Holiday Playschemes, with a large range of fun activities, and the initiative started last year called 'Family Saturdays'. The charity only has a staff complement equivalent to 3 full-time people, comprising one Play and Project Leader, one assistant Play Leader and two play workers for the after school work. During play schemes it is sometimes necessary to appoint extra sessional workers. The charity also relies on a dedicated team of volunteers.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the charity have had due regard both to the objectives of the charity, as set out above, and also to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties. All activities are carried out in pursuance of the charity's objects.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 show a surplus for the year of £12,888 (2021/22 deficit of £3,514), resulting in total reserves of £56,917 (2022 £44,029).

As the majority of expenditure is covered by restricted fund grants, the trustees consider that the current level of reserves is adequate for future purposes.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue to provide the existing services in furtherance of its core objectives, but recognises that the raising of funds for its work is becoming increasingly challenging.

The trustees believe that, taking into account its future fund-raising plans, the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity as a whole.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report, and have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Risk management

The principal risks the charity may face are perceived to be inadequate future funding and the possibility of safeguarding issues arising in the children's activities. To mitigate these risks, sufficient future funding has been secured, and trustees believe that recent modifications to the building are helping to keep heating costs down; increased income from lettings has been maintained. Appropriate safeguarding measures remain in place, and are regularly monitored.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the receipts and payments of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examination

The independent examination of the charity's accounts has been undertaken by Peter Stevenson, Chartered Accountant.

Approved by the Trustees on 12 July 2023

And signed by order of the board by



Mr Rae Humberstone
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of Procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J. Stevenson

Peter J. Stevenson
Chartered Accountant

8 Harbord Road
Oxford OX2 8LJ

Date: 12th July 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Totals £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Totals £
INCOME							
Voluntary income:	3	95,716	1,500	97,216	100,279	500	100,779
Grants		0	500	500	0	500	500
Donations							
JRS Support grant		0	0	0	0	1,864	1,864
Activities for generating funds:							
Fees and hirings		0	12,627	12,627	0	13,333	13,333
TOTAL INCOME		95,716	14,627	110,343	100,279	16,197	116,476
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities							
Staff costs		58,832	13,280	72,112	63,071	13,640	76,711
Activity and premises costs		23,286	0	23,286	23,536	0	23,536
Major projects		0	0	0	18,593	0	18,593
Support costs		2,047	0	2,047	1,150	0	1,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		84,175	13,280	97,455	106,350	13,640	119,990
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		11,541	1,347	12,888	-6,071	2,557	-3,514
Funds b/f. 1 April 2022		975	43,054	44,029	7,046	40,497	47,543
Total funds c/f, 31 March 2023		£12,516	£44,401	£56,917	£975	£43,054	£44,029

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

All activities are continuing. There are no gains and losses other than those recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	5	0	7,367
Cash at bank		57,067	38,712
Petty cash		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
		57,167	46,179
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and deferred income	6	<u>250</u>	<u>2,150</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>56,917</u>	<u>44,029</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>56,917</u>	<u>44,029</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted funds		12,516	975
Designated emergency reserve	7	30,000	20,000
Other unrestricted funds		<u>14,401</u>	<u>23,054</u>
		<u>56,917</u>	<u>44,029</u>

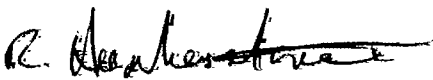
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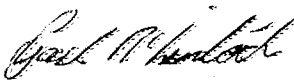
Trustees' responsibilities

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 12 July 2023:


 Councillor Rae Humberstone
 Trustee


 Gail McIntock
 Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Income is included in the SoFA when:

the entity becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the income will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability;

(b) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the entity to pay out resources.

	2023 £	2022 £
3. Grants		
Restricted		
Oxford City Council	7,800	15,981
Oxfordshire County Council	39,500	25,135
Blackbird Leys Parish Council	0	2,000
Children in Need	6,138	24,583
Oxon Community Foundation (Comic Relief)	20,000	7,530
Peoples Health Trust	7,878	17,330
National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	0
Local councillors	500	2,750
Other restricted up to £5,000	3,900	5,000
	<u>95,716</u>	<u>100,279</u>
Unrestricted		
Miscellaneous up to £2,000	2,000	500
	<u>£97,716</u>	<u>£100,779</u>

4. Expenditure

Expenditure includes the Independent Examiner's fee £250 (2022 £250); no trustees were paid or committee expenses reimbursed (2022 NIL); and there were no related party transactions in either year. No employees' emoluments exceeded £60,000 in either year, the average number of employees was 3 (2022: 3.5).

	2023 £	2022 £
5. Debtors		
Debtors: grants paid late	0	7,367
Other	0	0
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£7,367</u>

6. Creditors

Deferred income: grants	0	1,900
HM Revenue & Customs	0	0
Other creditors	250	250
	<u>£250</u>	<u>£2,150</u>

7. Designated emergency reserve

This represents the minimum amount required in the event of the charity being wound up, and takes account of the risks associated with the local regeneration plans, and the need for a new lease.

8. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources, under all scenarios reviewed, to continue operating as a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of adopting their report and accounts.