

BLACKBIRD LEYS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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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 2022.

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 2021 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Mr Rae Humberstone	(Chairman)
Mrs Sue Price	
Dr Hosnieh D Marbini	
Cllr Debbie McIlveen	(Resigned xxxxxxxxx)
Ms Hollie Tuckwell	

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

Despite the pandemic, the charity was able to continue a reduced programme of play and project activities, with a part time staff team 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 2022 show a deficit for the year of £3,514 (2020/21 surplus of £35,680), resulting in total reserves of £49,443 (2021 £47,543). Advance funding of £1,900 which could not be spent in the year has again been carried forward to next year (2021 £1,900).

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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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. They regularly monitor the impact that Covid-19 is having on current operations, and are taking steps to minimise the long-term effect on reserves.

Risk management

Apart from the effects of Covid-19 referred to above, 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 appropriate safeguarding measures have been put in place, and are regularly monitored. **They believe that the modifications to the building will help keep heating cost down and is already providing more income from lettings.**

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 20 July 2022

And signed by order of the board by

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Mrs Sue Price
Trustee