

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Charity registration number 1016643

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Ms C Bennett
Ms C Huyton
Mrs A Kelly
Ms E Ley
Ms A Maddocks
Mr N McCaskill
Mrs K A Dean-Sheekey
Ms A Taylor
Ms M Gillam

Charity number

1016643

Independent examiner

Champion TLL Limited
7-9 Station Road
Hesketh Bank
Preston
Lancashire
PR4 6SN

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

CONTENTS

	Page
Trustees' report	1 - 3
Independent examiner's report	4
Statement of financial activities	5
Balance sheet	6
Notes to the financial statements	7 - 11

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity aims to provide support and respite for families experiencing difficulties.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Sefton Children's Trust (SCT) began in 1984 and is wholly supported by volunteers. We provide a 3-year educational and recreational programme for up to 72 children aged 8-12 years from Sefton, who are experiencing difficulties within their own families.

Each year we provide a week long summer residential experience, enjoyed for the last few years at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. For most children this is not only their sole experience of a holiday but also a respite from their often difficult daily lives. All clothes, equipment, toiletries and food are provided.

During the residential experience the children develop confidence and team skills in a fun environment whilst enjoying the experience of being a young person. For many it is the first time they experience the opportunity to make choices and to discover talents where they can shine by being encouraged to achieve personal goals.

At Christmas time we deliver toy and food hampers to the families of the children we support, including toys and gifts for any siblings. We also provide a family day early in January with a trip to cinema (to see a movie and the video of the previous residential) and a meal at a local restaurant. Last year 160 family members, volunteers and some of our supporters joined us for the Sefton Children's Trust's family fun day.

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

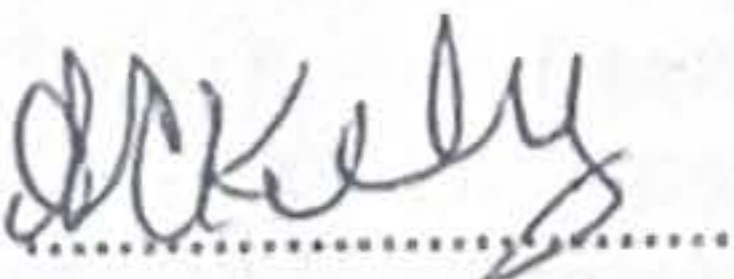
The trustee who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms C Bennett
Mr J Corcoran
Mr G Head
Ms C Huyton
Mrs A Kelly
Ms E Ley
Ms A Maddocks
Mr V Mancuso
Mr N McCaskill
Ms L Ramsay
Miss G Sandison
Mrs K A Dean-Sheekey
Ms A Taylor

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
New Trustees can be appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees
Training and induction is provided verbally by existing Trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustee.



Mrs A Kelly
Trustee

Date: 0.10.2024

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Treasurers' report

Treasurer's Report Anona would like to thank the administration team of Mel Gillen, Sue O'Toole, Pauline Waltho and Claire Hillier, Anne Fabb, Ian Edwards and a special thank you to Ian who has done an amazing job as our bid writer.

They have all devoted an enormous amount of time behind the scenes to help me keep our files up-to-date, so that they are available on line at any time to the Trustees or Charity Commission, to people who have given us financial support and any person who wishes to donate to illustrate what their money will be spent on.

To date, apart from our stores, the only assets the Trust has are one laptop, one iPad and two printers. Every other expense is kept to a minimum as we have no paid staff or premises and we all work for Sefton Children's Trust from our own homes.

I would also like to thank everyone who donated to our Trust in the last 12 months via Local Giving.

This year we have experienced a huge dip in our fundraising and to date we have £18,899.30. As a result of this drop in donations, we have started a large emergency fund raising campaign and I am hopeful the funds will arrive in time for this year's activities.

I would now like to step down from being Treasurer and concentrate on fundraising on behalf of Sefton Children's Trust.

Mel Co Treasure Anona Treasurer

Financial review

The total incoming resources were £41,598 (2023: £50,493). Resources expended were £60,841 (2023: £61,732), giving a deficit of £19,243 (2023: £11,239 deficit).

The balance sheet shows net assets of £15,067 (2023: £34,310).

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds of the charity should be approximately £45,000, being the amount required from grants in order to cover the committed costs of venue hire if one-off grants were not forthcoming and only received amounts from regular donations. The funds at the year end were only £15,067 and the Trustees are looking to secure extra grants for the coming year to bring the reserves to a more sustainable level.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure the appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its constitution adopted on 23 August 1986.

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sefton Childrens Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.



Champlon TLL Limited

P Buck FCA, DChA
7-9 Station Road
Hesketh Bank
Preston
Lancashire
PR4 6SN

Dated: 9/10/2024

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	41,598	50,493
Total income		<u>41,598</u>	<u>50,493</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	60,841	61,732
Total expenditure		<u>60,841</u>	<u>61,732</u>
Net expenditure and movement in funds		<u>(19,243)</u>	<u>(11,239)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		34,310	45,549
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		<u>15,067</u>	<u>34,310</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

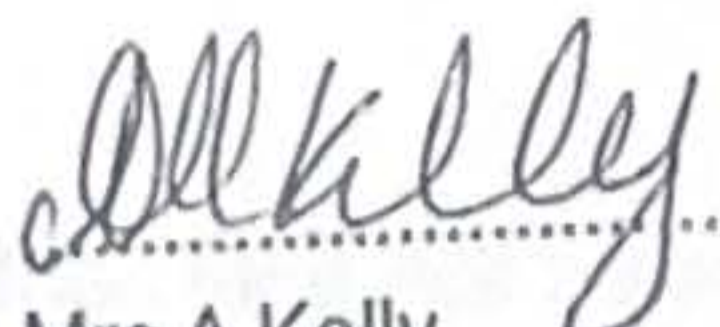
SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	2,000		2,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,757		32,970	
		<u>15,757</u>		<u>34,970</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(690)		(660)	
Net current assets			15,067		34,310
Net assets excluding pension liability			15,067		34,310
			<u>15,067</u>		<u>34,310</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			15,067		34,310
			<u>15,067</u>		<u>34,310</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustee on 9-10-2024


 Mrs A Kelly
 Trustee

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Sefton Childrens Trust is a non incorporated charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

(Continued)

1 Accounting policies

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Donations and gifts	14,493	11,993
Grants	27,105	38,500
	<u>41,598</u>	<u>50,493</u>
Grants receivable for core activities		
Community Link Foundation	1,105	1,000
The 1970 Trust	2,000	2,000
Rathbone Investment Management	1,000	1,000
Steve Morgan Foundation	3,000	-
BBC Children in Need	20,000	10,500
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	10,000
Duchy of Lancaster	-	5,000
Other	-	9,000
	<u>27,105</u>	<u>38,500</u>

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Respite for famillies 2024 £	Respite for famillies 2023 £
Direct costs		
Insurance	2,673	2,644
Postage and stationery	618	1,294
Residential activity and trips	52,164	48,341
General expenses and donations	4,235	6,300
Equipment and repairs	394	2,419
Bank charges	67	74
	<u>60,151</u>	<u>61,072</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 4)		
Governance	690	660
	<u>60,841</u>	<u>61,732</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>60,841</u>	<u>61,732</u>

4 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Independent examination fees	-	690	690	-	660
	<u>-</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	690	690	-	660
	<u>-</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660</u>

5 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	690	660
	<u>690</u>	<u>660</u>

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

9 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

Prepayments and accrued income

2024 £	2023 £
2,000	2,000

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income

2024 £	2023 £
690	660

11 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	34,310	41,598	(60,841)	15,067

SEFTON CHILDRENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

11 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	45,549	50,493	(61,732)	34,310
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).