EXTRAORDINARY LINKS
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Charity No: 1190383

Extraordinary Links CIO
Report and Accounts (February 2026)



Extraordinary Links CIO

Reference and Administration Details

For the year ending 24 Feb 2026

Charity Number 1190383

Registered Office 13 Fairford Road
Bristol
BS11 9QZ

Status Extraordinary Links CIO is known locally as Extraordinary Links

Trustees Trustees who served during this year and up to the date of the Report.

Gillian Crea	Chair (appointed 13 July 2020)
Sandra Thomas	(appointed 13 July 2020)
Emma Wallington	(appointed 13 July 2020)

Chief Executive Officer The trustees delegate the day-to-day running of Extraordinary Links CIO to Gillian Crea (Chair of Trustees)

Bankers Lloyds Bank plc
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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ending 24 February 2026. References and administrative statements are set out on page 1, and form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents

Extraordinary Links CIO is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is governed by the Charity Act 2011. We are known locally as Extraordinary Links and have full autonomy over our policies, governances and procedures.

Risk Review

Our board of trustees meets regularly to discuss and evaluate the major risks to our organisation. As we are as a small charity we have implemented internal control procedures to ensure risks are minimised effectively.

Organisational Structure

The CEO is responsible for the day to day management of Extraordinary Links CIO, and reports directly to the board of trustees to ensure there are no conflicts of interest present.

The board of trustees consists of three trustees who are legally responsible for the organisation and governance of Extraordinary Links CIO.

Appointments of Trustees

New trustees can be appointed by the current board of trustees at a properly convened meeting, ensuring the trustee has the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

No further trustees have been appointed in the last year.

Trustees Report

Activities and Achievements

2025/26 was another busy year for Extraordinary Links. Our groups continued to grow and develop, and we were able to offer children and families a mix of our regular weekly sessions, online activities and additional events during the school holidays.

Our weekly Activity Group continued at Shirehampton Public Hall during term time. We had a varied programme throughout the year, with everything from arts and crafts and cooking to science experiments and building challenges. The activities are important, but the group is about much more than what we make each week. It gives children a relaxed, inclusive place to spend time with other children, try new things and make friends.

Our Minecraft Social Club also continued both in person and online. Minecraft has proved to be a great way for children to connect through something they already enjoy. Having an online group alongside the in-person sessions means children who find it difficult to attend a group in person can still join in, chat and play with other children from home.

We were also able to do more with families during the school holidays. Over the summer, we ran additional activities, including craft and STEM sessions, held a Picnic in the Park at Blaise Castle and made use of our We The Curious Community Membership. The membership has been a great way of giving families the opportunity to enjoy days out and experiences together without cost being a barrier.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was celebrating five years of Extraordinary Links. We held our fifth birthday celebration on 12 July 2025, with a bouncy castle, silent disco, games and plenty of food. It was lovely to see families, volunteers and supporters celebrating together and to look back at how much the charity has grown since we started in 2020. Our birthday celebrations were also featured in the September edition of our local Shire newspaper.

Our groups continue to be a place where families can feel comfortable and accepted. Children can take part in their own way and at their own pace, while parents and carers have the chance to talk to other families, share experiences and ask for support or signposting when they need it.

Fundraising and Community Support

As a small charity run by volunteers, the support we receive from our community makes a huge difference. During the year, we received donations and raised money through community fundraising, including our 2025 Prize Draw. We were very grateful to the local businesses, organisations and individuals who donated prizes and to everyone who bought tickets and supported the fundraiser.

We are also incredibly grateful to our volunteers, supporters and the organisations we have worked with throughout the year. Their support

helps us keep our groups and activities free for families and allows us to continue trying new things.

Looking Forward

We want Extraordinary Links to keep growing with the families who use it. Our Activity Group and Minecraft Social Clubs will remain an important part of what we do, but we also want to keep finding new activities, experiences and opportunities that our children and families can enjoy together.

We will continue to look for funding, work with other organisations and make the most of community partnerships and memberships. Most importantly, we want to continue providing a welcoming and inclusive space where children can have fun, make friends and be themselves, and where their families feel welcome too.

Pay and Remuneration

Extraordinary Links CIO is run completely by volunteers, receiving no pay or remuneration for any services.

Vision, Mission and Objectives

The long term aim of the organisation is to ensure that disabled children, and children with SEN and their families receive the support they need to thrive in society. We currently provide our services to 25 families in the Shirehampton area of Bristol. We want to reach out to more families who are not currently receiving our services, so ensuring our growth and sustainability as a CIO is of paramount importance to us, so we are constantly seeking funding opportunities and different avenues to advertise our free services.

Charitable Objectives

Extraordinary Links objects are set our in our constitution,

'To relieve the needs of disabled children and children with special educational needs (SEN) and their parents, carers and siblings (the 'beneficiaries') in the Bristol area by the provision of, in particular, but not exclusively: (a) free activity sessions for the beneficiaries in the community. (b) signposting the parents, carers and siblings to organisations that can give support and information

Principle Funding Sources

The work of Extraordinary Links CIO during the year was funded through money we had carried forward from previous years, alongside donations and fundraising. We also raised money through our 2025 Prize Draw, with

prizes kindly donated by local businesses and organisations, and through ticket sales for our Christmas Party. These funds helped us continue to provide our groups and activities free of charge to families.

Restricted and unrestricted and designated funds

During 2025/26, Extraordinary Links received £775.50 in income and spent £4,550.88 delivering our activities and running the charity. This meant that we used £3,775.38 of funds brought forward from previous years during the year.

At 24 February 2026, Extraordinary Links held total cash funds of £11,203.67. These funds will support the charity's work in the coming year, including the costs of our activity and Minecraft groups, hall hire, activity supplies, insurance, website and online services, and other costs involved in providing our services.

The trustees will continue to review the charity's funds and ensure that any restricted funding is only used for the purpose for which it was given.

Future Financial Position
It can be difficult to know exactly what the future will look like financially, especially for a small charity like Extraordinary Links. However, we are in a good position going into the next financial year.

Our trustees keep a close eye on our finances and the increasing costs of running our groups. We will continue to apply for grants and look for other fundraising opportunities to make sure we can keep our groups running and, wherever possible, free for the families who use them.

We also want to make sure we plan carefully for the future, so that Extraordinary Links can continue to grow without putting the services we already provide at risk.

Statement of Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Company 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 income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the principles and methods in SORP

- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that a charity will continue in its operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the provision of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute and amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interests in the charity.

Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

Cash funds brought forward at 25 February 2025	**£ 14,075.24**
Opening Balance Adjustment	903.81
Adjusted Opening Balance	**14,979.05**
Income	3,891.6
Bristol Parents Carers	50
Donations	120.13
Fundraising	67
Fundraising/Event Income	425.37
Paypal Donations	98
Total Income	760.50
Expenditure	
Rent of Hall	753.74
Zoom Yearly Cost	155.88
Supplies for Activity Group	2,219.73
Insurance	214.59
Printing Costs	52.62
Bank Service Charge	34

Website upkeep and Domain	520.71
Staff Training Costs	182.00
Advertising	90.51
5th Anniversary/Event Costs	308.70
Postage	3.40
Total Expenditure	4,550.88
Closing Bank Balance	11,203.67

Opening balance adjustment
During the preparation of the 2025/26 accounts, the trustees identified that the cash funds brought forward from the previous year had been understated by £903.81. The opening balance has therefore been adjusted from £14,075.24 to £14,979.05 to reflect the Lloyds Bank and PayPal balances held at 25 February 2025. This adjustment relates to the opening balance and does not form part of the charity's receipts for 2025/26.

At 24 February 2026, the charity held £11,164.43 with Lloyds Bank and £39.24 with PayPal, giving total cash funds of £11,203.67.
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies and to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on 21.09.26 and sign on their behalf by



Gillian Crea (Chair)

Appendix 1 – Reconciliation of Opening Cash Funds

The £903.81 opening balance adjustment is explained below. It relates to the previous year's records and is not income received in 2025/26.

Reconciliation item	Amount
Opening-date difference	£53.25
Difference in reported 2024/25 net Lloyds movement	£643.56
PayPal cash omitted from closing balance	£207.00
Total opening balance adjustment	**£903.81**

The cash funds brought forward were adjusted from £14,075.24 to £14,979.05. The closing cash funds at 24 February 2026 were £11,203.67 (£11,164.43 Lloyds and £39.24 PayPal).