Play2Give

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Charity Number 1200351

PLAY2GIVE ("P2G")

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (TAR) FOR 2025

Covering the period: 1 Jan 2025 to 31 December 2025









Registered address: The Lambourn, Wyndyke Furlong, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1UJ Website: www.play2give.org.uk

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Registered charity number 1200351

The Trustees of Play2Give are delighted to present their annual report of the charity ("the CIO") summarising achievements, successes and a review of the financial year to the year ending 31 December 2025

Charity Trustees:

Andrew Baker MBE BCAv

Jacqueline Billington

Matthew Norris-Silva

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Objectives and Activities

The general objects are set out in the charity's constitution, as follows:

For the public benefit, the relief and assistance of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage, in Oxfordshire and the surrounding area, with the provision of financial or material aid through the provision of grants to individuals and organisations.

Structure, governance and management type of governing document

The structure of the charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The policy for appointing trustees: The trustees are responsible for appointing any new trustees. Consideration should be given to the skills and experiences of any new trustee and how these may be beneficial to the charity. Trustees should also ask for a character reference to ascertain the suitability and trustworthiness of the proposed trustee.

The governing document is the charity's constitution.

CIO – FOUNDATION Registered 13 September 2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name: PLAY2GIVE

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 | **Charity no (if any)** 1200351

Set out on pages 20-22 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("Play2Give") for the year ended 31/12/25

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Lesley Cully **Date:** 7 OCT 2026

Name: LESLEY CULLY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): AAT - Association of Accounting Technicians.

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Background of the charity



The founder of the charity is Andrew Baker MBE BCAv, who has been raising funds for county causes since he was 14 initially by fundraising at school in 2003 as a “thank you” for his childhood brain surgery, before Play2Give which he created in 2007 continued his childhood charitable efforts. In 2021, Andrew was honoured with an MBE for services to charity in the New Year Honours, pictured, and in 2017 – his fifteenth year of fundraising – he received a British Citizen Award (BCAv) at the Palace of Westminster. As a group, Play2Give has been nominated for several awards over the years including as finalists for the charity and community award in the Oxfordshire Business Awards (OXBA) in 2018, and in January 2020 winning the Thames Valley Charity of the Year and the Didcot Mayor’s Community Champions award, given in 2021.

2025 Achievements and Performance



Play2Give had another strong year. 2025 was another busy, packed, and its most successful year to date across the financial year, surpassing previous year records. As every year, we held several fun, diverse and engaging events for the community, including joining in with stalls at public events such as Didcot Events Gift and Craft Fair. Some of our events as well as our two flagship campaigns raised record breaking amounts than any other year.



2027 will see a major milestone for both the charity and for our founder Andrew. We will reach 20 years old in age, and Andrew 25 years of fundraising, so 2027 will mark 25 years of changing, transforming, and saving lives, and we will aim to raise £25k in 25.

We continue to be a well-run charity, made up entirely of volunteers led by brain injury survivor and former Oxford Children's Hospital patient Andrew Baker, with no paid staff with all expenditure spent on our charitable purposes to further our charitable activities, using raised funds carefully in the cost of our fundraising activities and events to generate income, and support our community from public funds raised. We have the relevant policies in place, and the charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to its Code of Fundraising Practice.



We continue to be grateful to our Board of Trustees for their wise enthusiasm, skills they bring and wise governance ensuring we adhere to charitable practice, and to all our increasingly growing team of volunteers who all bring dedication, energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone: from the trustees, our team of volunteers, supporters, funders, corporate partners and the community for making our work possible which in turn makes us keep on changing, transforming, and saving lives with big impact across Oxfordshire.

Over £32,000 for Oxford Head Injury Services

A highlight of the year was formally celebrating the achievement of raising over £32,000 for Oxford Head Injury Services (OHIS) over a decade - after reaching the milestone total the previous year. We officially marked the achievement at our "Night at the Oscars Ball" held at Milton Hill House in October. Some of the OHIS Trustees along with some of their charity team attended our sixth gala ball, and to officially mark the celebration we presented a grand cheque to showcase our funds over a decade, as well as Andy being presented with a heartfelt letter of thanks from the Joint Chief Executive of OHIS, and a framed picture made by his fellow service users and charity staff.





This same year we also gave a further £3,210 as well as spending hundreds of pounds more from our previous year's income, to transform a current tired and dull room into a dedicated sensory/relaxation room, which will be located within the activity and rehabilitation centre. The walls have been painted in colour chosen by Andy as the sounding board to the renovation, and furniture and furnishings have begun to be put in place, with the planned completion and the official unveiling took place in early 2026.

In thanks and as recognition, this very special space will be named "Andy's Room" as a legacy to the impact and appreciation Andy and our charity has made, and we look forward to the grand opening and ribbon cutting occasion. Andy has been a regular patient under their service since 2012 and attends the activity and rehabilitation centre twice a week, so the extraordinary achievement is even more special as someone who benefits first hand giving back to a service that has made such a meaningful and positive impact on his life.









Record-Breaking Football Tournament

Another highlight of the financial year was our 14th annual football tournament, held at Wallingford Sports Park. Many corporate teams amongst community groups and teams of friends all took part. The top fundraising team cup this year again went to ATA Logistics Ltd, based in Didcot, and for the first time a plate which went to a team from Didcot, whilst the 2024 champions was a team from Headington in Oxford who contested for a third year. The day also included fun on the side for families and was well attended with the sports park providing food and refreshments, and raffle prizes donated by many companies and organisations. 2026 will see the fifteenth anniversary of this much loved and popular event. Over £5,000 was raised.



Our sixth black-tie ball in October, which was supported by some sponsors including a £2,000 grant from Didcot Town Council, was another successful highlight of the year, and, as one of our flagship events, raised more than the previous year smashing past the £6,000 threshold. Over £6,300 was raised in total, through profit of ticket sales, raffle, auction and fundraising games as well as a donation given back by the venue from a percentage of bar sales.







Other event highlights of the financial year included another sell-out Christmas party which saw £950 in proceeds, and one of our other flagship annual event, our second annual indoor Christmas market and once again organised in partnership with Didcot Events CIC, host at Milton Hill House in November which was busy throughout with a packed car park, over 30 stalls and over £2,000 raised. Bingo nights at Didcot's Boundary Park were amongst other events and activities including stalls, tombolas and raffles – our Christmas Raffle broke all records and raised more than any previous years, which despite the continued cost of living crisis, and the time of year was more impressive.







We continued to see donations come through from individuals creating Facebook birthday fundraisers, and many regular corporate partners as well as new corporate sponsors came on board. We received a £150 donation in January from our long-term supporters of many years, Tesco superstore in Didcot from their in-store charity book stand, which sees the store select a charity each month to benefit from the donations of the income raised by this initiative.



Significant financial donations continued to come from Cannon Packing and Logistics based on Milton Park with their annual £1,000 Christmas donation, as well as regular corporate supporters, Explosive Learning Solutions Ltd based on the Harwell business park who continued to support us including table sponsorship for our ball, took part with a collection for our Easter campaign and director Cath Convery volunteered at some events with us. They also volunteered, led by Cath, at the Glastonbury Festival and we were delighted to receive a substantial sum of funds as a donation, from their litter parking duties at the infamous festival.

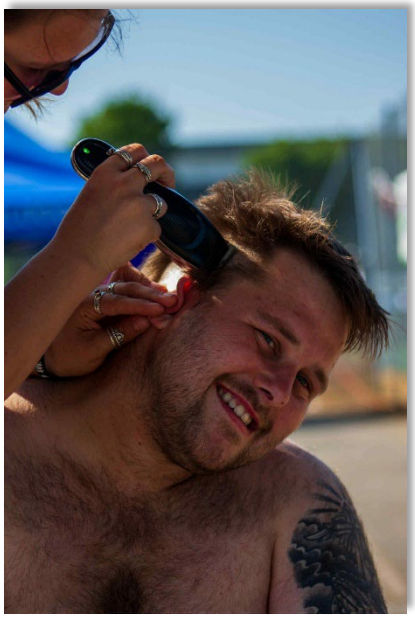


Berro Lounge in Didcot's Orchard Centre also continued to support our Easter and Christmas appeals with collections in branch allowing customers to donate physical gifts, and our Sleigh2Give Christmas and Easter egg appeals continued to grow and gained further momentum – both of which saw the biggest collections to date. More on these can be read further below, whilst Berro Lounge also chose us as their charity to benefit from their new passport scheme – a token reward book for customers, and with £2 from each sale being donated to us.





New companies supported us including a year-long partnership with Bird & Blend Tea Co Ltd in Oxford, who adopted us as their "ChariTEA of the year" and The Jones Robinson Group adopted us as one of their five regional charities for the year, and they took on a sponsored swim



as their first big sponsored event, alongside a Halloween Disco and other activities and other imaginative, creative and ingenious ideas to raise funds. They raised an incredible £2,057 across the year. They also continued their sponsorship of our football tournament, which helped the event to run, for which we were enormously grateful, and they look to continue their partnership with us going into 2026. Boston House Business Centre in Grove came on board, whilst The Lambourn on Abingdon business park remains as our headquartered address and supported our seasonal collections. Meanwhile, a wide range of other businesses, groups, shops, cafes, pubs and organisations supported us in many ways as well as schools, including Wallingford School who raised a record number of gifts in our 11th Sleigh2Give appeal.





The Marriott by Courtyard Oxford South hotel on Milton Gate in Abingdon continued their support and made us their chosen charity to benefit from their ‘Christmas at the Courtyard’ switch-on to Christmas, with a raffle. The event was attended by the Mayor of Abingdon, and Aureus School choir sung Christmas carols.

Individuals took on their own challenges to raise funds for our charity, from head shaves to half marathons, fun runs and bleaching their hair, and we thank them all, for their compassion, loyalty and commitment. One particular and regular fundraiser and volunteer, Chloe Boyne, celebrated her seventh year of support – and took on the Great South Run. In 2024, Chloe received our very special Angela Norris Volunteer Award for outstanding contribution since 2019.

2025 Financial and Material Donations

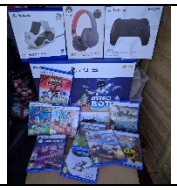




Overall, we donated £22,431.25 in grants from the financial year, which went to charities including £7,000 to the Oxford Children's Hospital, and over £5,000 to Sobell House. Our latest contribution to the children's hospital is earmarked to fund an extra-ventricular drainage system for children's neurosurgery, whilst our funds given in 2024 continues to make an impact in the hospital with improvements under way to create a special wall of artwork in the day room on the teenage ward, and next year the Echo probe for children's cardiology care will arrive.





Detailed Insight into projects funded and public funds distributed			
Amount	**Charity/Organisation**		**Project/Purpose of Funding**
£7,000.00	Oxford Children's Hospital		New Extra-Ventricular Drainage System (EVD) for use in children's brain surgery
£5,323.00	Sobell House Hospice		Funding towards a dedicated ambulance service that will provide urgent, specialist transportation for those precious final moments 365 days 24/7
£3,210.00	Oxford Head Injury Services		For the creation and development of a sensory room within the rehabilitation centre, to be named 'Andy's Room', after our founder Andrew Baker, as a thank you and recognition for our tireless and dedicated support, as well as funding new and modern tables and cabinets for use in the day activity centre
£915.00	SSNAP – Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents		Funded two pieces of kit for the neonatal unit including twin cot tent canopies and a neonatal camera so that parents can keep in touch with their poorly baby at every stage during critical moments
£200.00	Oxford Hospitals Broadcasting Association		A donation to support the running of the Oxford Hospital Radio for providing the PA and sound system for our 2025 football tournament
Additional Play2Give funds spent in the year provided through provisions of items for the following projects:			
£1,021.03			Brand new PS5 complete with games for our sponsored patient room on the teenage ward as well as a bubble fish lamp for the teenage day room and a variety of Nintendo Switch games brought for all the adolescent patients
£1,634.41			Sensory items, furnishings and all the added extras including lighting and décor for the new sensory room at Oxford Head Injury Services
£150.00			Donated to Be Free Young Carers to provide Easter eggs for young carers most in need to provide some Easter joy at the toughest of times in caring responsibilities
£382.97			Purchased a wooden picnic bench for the garden at Oxford's Viking House for all children in their care, their families and the staff to enjoy outdoor breaks as well as two pedal-on go karts for the children with disabilities to enjoy on an accessible go kart course
£97.18			Arts and crafts materials including Easter activity packs and books for young patients at the Children's Hospital, purchased as part of funds raised from our Easter Appeal
1,030.97			Gifts purchased as part of Sleigh2Give funds raised – providing toys and gifts to children and families in hospitals, hospices, the less fortunate and vulnerable as part of our 11th Christmas gift giving appeal
£20,964.56	**Total of Funds Distributed/Allocated and spent across 2025**		



The charity continued to attend local community events to raise funds and awareness of its work, including the annual Harwell feast, a fantastic day of family fun. We held a tombola at the event, and raised a fantastic £850!

We once again took part in the Oxford Hospitals Charity's OX5 RUN in March, the held at Blenheim Palace which raises funds for the local children's hospital. Our team helped to raise over £505 collectively. In total, this fun run which has been





running for over 21 years raised over £100,000 in total across the years for children's services helping to fund patient comforts, specialist equipment and a children's radiology play specialist amongst much else, so we was pleased to play a small part in the funding success.

We continued to benefit from storage and admin space thanks to BizSpace in Didcot, who provided a room for us in 2023 which we shared with fellow local charity, Oxfordshire Foster Care Association, enabling us to increase what we do and storage of all of our Christmas gifts, tombola prizes and extra room to work from as our operations headquarters.



Awards and Recognition





2025 saw Andrew recognised in the annual Didcot Town Council Community Awards, with a nomination in both the Lifetime Achievement award, and the John Eldridge Award for Voluntary Service, alongside our fellow head volunteers David and Linda Latter in the latter category. Whilst none of the trio won, we were proud to see them and two more of our volunteers be recognised for all the good work we do for the benefit of the town. Also recognised in the town's community awards was our youngest volunteer, Harry, who won the Young Hero award for his fundraising and volunteering, while our own Christopher Coates received the Service with a Smile award for all the joy and happiness he brings in attending events in the town and helping to deliver toys and gifts to patients in hospitals and hospices as Didcot Santa.



As a group, we were also proud that Andrew was selected as one of four finalists in the BBC Radio Oxford Make a Difference Awards, for Fundraiser of the Year. The BBC awards evening took place at the Oxford Town Hall in a star-studded ceremony, which saw a panel of well-known judges choose winners across several categories. Filming and audio recording took place with Andrew in July at the Oxford Head Injury Services centre, and Andrew was highly commended.

We continue to recognise the importance and value of our supporters, and so for all those donating or raising £30 or over, they receive a signed certificate and a P2G Hero medal, which we hope to build on and continue going into the next few years, as a way to honour and appreciate all of those who go above and beyond for our charity in so many ways.

In the year, we were thrilled to be named the winners of the ‘Giving Back’ competition, run by Oxford PR-agency, *Fortitude Communications*, scooping first prize with a package worth £3,000 comprising of a video to be produced showcasing our charity visually, which will only but strengthen our branding, awareness and support. We are immensely grateful to the judging panel for choosing us, and who were deeply touched by the nomination’s words, describing their reasons to us as: *“The team at Fortitude found your story (Andrew) to be truly inspiring and we are impressed by your energy, what your charity has achieved and the impact it has across our communities in the county. We felt strongly that it is a charity we would like to support, that it is well deserved and would help you help others.*

11th Sleigh2Give Christmas Appeal



Our festive drive saw ‘Sleigh2Give’, our annual Christmas campaign, yet again received astounding support from both our local community of Oxfordshire and wider afield. Our 2025 appeal was the biggest one yet amassing the greatest number of gifts ever donated, and so the value of the presents would have been worth even more, and we estimate around £80,000 in value raised was distributed. We had regular, loyal annual supporters take part again whether with their own collections, being public donation points, donating at one of our drop-off points and boxes, delivering donations directly to us or donating in cash online. All online funds and funds donated directly to our bank account was used to purchase toys and gifts, for age ranges we were short on, or items less thought of.



From children and families in hospitals and hospices to the vulnerable, families financially struggling and on low incomes, and those with disabilities all benefited from our 11th gift giving drive. Our Christmas campaign culminated on the last Friday before Christmas with our main, and biggest, deliveries to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Children’s Hospital, Sobell House and Viking House.

Due to the overwhelming and highest volume of toys ever received, again as 2024, we had enough toys to be able to gift out to young patients in hospital at Easter (2026), for children who can’t eat chocolate and for year-round toys for children having procedures and stays in the hospital. Our huge thanks to our continued supporters of this appeal, Driving Miss Daisy Didcot and to ATA Sameday for providing transportation for our big Oxford deliveries, as well

as to all the amazing companies, schools, groups, clubs, supermarkets and individuals who supported and took part. Each year we continue to be blown away.

Record-breaking Easter egg collection





A fancy dress delivery of gifts to the children''s wards in Oxford

Christmas appeal celebrates best collection year yet

A WELL established Oxfordshire Christmas appeal is celebrating its best and biggest collection from across the kindness of the county.

Sleigh2Give, the annual festive campaign of Didcot born charity Play2Give, and now in its 11th year saw its largest ever number of presents given from the public.

It smashed the previous toy drive's record collection last year, organisers said.

The Sleigh2Give seasonal appeal aims to spread "cheer, joy and smiles" initially for the Oxford Children's Hospital.

But it has fast grown each Christmas with the pile of presents, and the number of organisations taking part, all increasing each year.

This year's 11th campaign saw over 60 organisations join in, from donation points to internal collections and fundraising methods such as Christmas bazaars, hair braiding and quiz nights.



Our fifth Easter drive was the biggest and best collection yet in 2024 seeing us raise around over 1,270 plus Easter eggs all donated by the local community which was given out to children and families in hospital, hospices, and those in need from children, families and nurses in hospital, to financially struggling families in Didcot to the vulnerable and children with disabilities, so many received joy.

In the media

Some notable press articles and coverage received across Oxfordshire and wider media in the year further spreading the word and awareness of our charity and our efforts in the community:



Estate agent staff's 34-mile charity swim

Jones Robinson staff taking part in a previous charity fundraiser Image: The Jones Robinson Group

STAFF at an estate agents are preparing to swim 34 miles in support of a selection of charities.

On June 18, employees from all six branches of Jones Robinson, including Didcot, will tackle the challenge, with the distance symbolising the stretch between the company's Newbury and Devizes offices, in Berkshire and Wiltshire.

The team will swim a combined 2,735 lengths in a 20-metre pool in aid of five local charities, including Didcot's Play2Give.

This is the first time Play2Give has been chosen as one of Jones Robinson's charity partners.

The company was inspired by the work Play2Give does to support Oxford hospice Sobell House and Oxford Children's Hospital.

Play2Give, run entirely by volunteers, has raised nearly £600,000 since it began, supporting more than 40 causes, mostly focusing on children, health, and disability.

The charity was founded by Andy Baker, who used his own experience of childhood treatment as inspiration to start fundraising for Oxford Children's Hospital at the age of 14, in 2002.

Recently, it has donated more than £3,200 to create a 'chill-out room' for brain-injured adults at Oxford Head Injury Services, more than £5,000 for a specialist ambulance for Sobell House patients, and more than £900 for the special care baby unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

It has also recently funded provisions and medical equipment at Oxford Children's Hospital.



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Record-breaking total for event

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A CHARITY football tournament has raised a record-breaking total of more than £7,000 for children's and health causes.

Play2Give's 14th annual six-a-side contest raised £7,483, the highest total in the event's history.

The tournament, which took place on Sunday at Wallingford Sports Park, featured 15 teams from across the region, including Didcot, Wantage, Abingdon, and Oxford, as well as players from as far as Hampshire and Kent.

Andy Baker, founder of Play2Give, said: "We would love to say a massive thank you to all of the teams, sponsors, supporters and suppliers who helped to make this year's event the very best, and of course a big thank you to the course and all of the court team and officials including the refs who worked so hard.

"We are amazed by the amount raised which is just incredible and made all the hard work, long hours and worries worthwhile."

Mr Baker, who began fundraising as a teenager in 2012, launched Play2Give to raise money for the Oxford Children's Hospital after life-saving treatment at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Diagnosed with a brain injury at birth, he underwent major surgery at age 12 after a further head injury at primary school.

Originally aiming to raise £500, Mr Baker has now helped to raise around £100,000 for more than 40 causes through the charity.

Teams from businesses, other charities, and groups of friends took part in the tournament, with many organising their own fundraising activities.

This included bake sales and sponsored head shaves.

ATA, based in Didcot, fielded two teams this year and raised the most of any team - £2,186.

The company exceeded its target of £1,500 after raising more than £1,800 last year.

ATA said: "We're beyond grateful to have been part of such a meaningful event, all while having an absolute blast on and off the pitch.

"It was more than just football – it was community giving back, and creating memories that'll last well beyond the final whistle."

Other teams included Explosive Learning Solutions, Planet IT, and The Cornerman.

The Didcot 20's, a team captained by Alex Denham, took part to support the hospital where his daughter Mia-Rose is treated.

Play2Give's football tournament was first held in 2007 and has become a key event in the charity's growing calendar.

The charity primarily supports children's health and disability causes of special personal significance to Mr Baker and his team.

Charity players on the ball

Play2Give's charity football tournament. Images: Play2Give

Oxford Hospitals Charity: [Play2Give Football Fundraiser]

The Oxford Magazine: [Play2Give football tournament 2025 raises most ever]

Newbury Today: [Jones Robinson team tackle ultra-marathon charity swim]



Andy Baker worked hard to help raise the money. Image: Oxford Head Injury Services

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Patient Andy says a £30k 'thank you'

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A MAN who was born with a brain injury has raised £30,000 for a charity that has supported him for years.

Andy Baker, 36, from Didcot, has been visiting Oxford Head Injury Services twice a week since he was 25.

He was born with a brain injury and suffered another head injury at the age of eight.

This resulted in him needing further treatment and later surgery at the age of 12.

Despite this, Mr Baker fights his disability every day and dedicates himself to giving back to the organisations that have supported and helped him over the years.

In 2021, Mr Baker, the founder of Play2Give, which raises money for good causes, was honoured with an MBE for services to charity.

The organisation's 6th-themed gala ball held at Milton Hill House in September was particularly special, as it saw Mr Baker surpass the £30,000 fundraising milestone.

The funds he has raised directly support Oxford Head Injury Service's work, which provides rehabilitation, support, and tailored services to individuals living with the bewildering effects of brain injuries.

Lucy Walker, head of fundraising and marketing at Oxford Head Injury Services, said: "Andy's achievements are nothing short of extraordinary.

"He is the very spirit of resilience and generosity, not only as a fundraiser but also as a service user who truly understands the importance of our work.

"His efforts have made a substantial difference in the lives of so many other brain injury survivors that we support, and we are profoundly grateful."

Mr Baker added: "Oxford Head Injury Services has been there for me in so many ways, and fundraising is my way of saying thank you and helping others who face similar challenges.

"The support from the community has been incredible, and together we've achieved something amazing."

Oxford Head Injury Services offers a wide range of rehabilitation programmes aimed at improving the quality of life for individuals and families affected by brain injuries.

From physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and therapeutic activities such as cooking and games, Oxford Head Injury Services takes a holistic approach to supporting the entire family when living with life after a brain injury.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "Andy's unwavering commitment and inspirational efforts, raised by the latest proceeds from Play2Give's annual charity ball, have left a lasting impact on Oxford's local brain injury charity.

"Andy's story is a poignant reminder of the power of community and the incredible impact one individual can have.

"Oxford Head Injury Services extends its heartfelt gratitude to Andy."

Andy Baker and Lucy Walker. Image: Oxford Head Injury Services

Oxford Mail: [Estate agent staff to swim 34 miles in aid of Didcot charity]

Oxford Mail: [Record-breaking response to charity's Easter appeal]

The Oxford Magazine: [Play2Give breaks records with Easter egg appeal for local children]

Oxford Mail: [Three Oxfordshire charities win competition to boost profiles]

Oxford Mail: [Hospice launches appeal to fund specialist ambulance service]

Oxford Mail: [Didcot charity Play2Give launches fifth Easter appeal]

Oxford Mail: [Oxfordshire man born with brain injury raises £30k for charity]

The Oxford Magazine: [Sleigh2Give smashes records with biggest toy collection in its 11-year history]

Oxford Mail: [Oxfordshire school raises huge Christmas gifts stash for children's charity]



Play2Give hands out chocolate eggs after its Easter appeal. Image: Play2Give

Record-breaking response to charity's Easter appeal

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A RECORD number of people donated eggs to a charity's annual Easter appeal.

Didcot's Play2Give group collected 1,720 Easter eggs for local children in need, including patients at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

This is almost 500 more than the 1,238 chocolate treats collected last year.

Play2Give, which raises funds to provide relief to those in need with a focus on children, health, and disability causes, asked supporters for donations so poorly children, the less fortunate, and those facing hardship would be able to enjoy an Easter treat.

Donations came in from businesses, cafes, shops, gyms, and dance schools across the county and with funds received online, the charity was also able to buy eggs and Easter activity packs, as well as 10 boxes of toys for the children in hospital.

This year, more than 620 eggs were given to the children's hospital, including the children's wards at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Headington and Horton General Hospital in Banbury.

The siblings and families of babies in the neonatal care unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital also received eggs alongside Sobell House Hospice and Viking House, a Headington-based children's residential home which provides short breaks for children and young people with a range of complex needs and disabilities.

Due to the number of eggs, 300 were given to older hospital patients across chosen wards, including the heart ward, neuro ward and cancer ward.

Didcot Foodbank also received donations, as did some struggling families and young carers.

Andrew Baker, founder of Play2Give, said: "Our bunny, full of beans, was 'eggscited' to bring plenty of cheer; joy and smiles as we worked our way excitedly through the mountain of Easter eggs to deliver in speedy time down and through the bustling hospital corridors and, on the children's wards, the bunny had a little help from the sprightly and lively carrot too.

"The fantastic kindness of all those who donated brought plenty of smiles to the faces of all those who received the generosity.

"It was another uplifting, joyful, but emotional experience, too, in visiting the hospital and hospices.

"We're always grateful for the incredible and the heart-warming support our community show Play2Give and we extend our enormous thanks to everyone who took the time to donate to our fifth appeal, and all those who continue supporting all year round to help us do our fantastic work helping so many in our community in changing, transforming, and saving lives."

Play2Give is now gearing up for its 14th football tournament, with limited team spaces remaining, and its sixth Oscars-themed gala ball.

Financial Donations

The charity made several charitable donations to the following organisations focused on children, health, and disability:

Oxford Children's Hospital - part of Oxford Hospitals Charity

Oxford Head Injury Services

Sobell House

SSNAP – Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents

Oxford's Viking House (Action for Children)

Hospital Radio Cherwell

Be Free Young Carers



More information about our donations for the year and the impact of the funds raised, and how our funds was spent on our charitable activities, can be read above on page 11.

Financial Review / Summary of the Year

During the period the total income of the charity was as below:

Incomings: £61,712

Expenditure: £42,372

Surplus balance of £19,340

Surplus balance will see funds spent in 2026 on projects for Oxfordshire health and social care causes, with remaining funds thereafter spent towards our charitable objectives including being able to run more events so that we can carry on doing our work in the community to help even more people, funding even more projects with purpose.

Future plans

The charity will strive to continue to achieve its objectives in the future, raising funds through donations, providing material aid through appeals such as our annual Sleigh2Give Christmas and Easter egg appeals, seeking corporate support and through fundraising events including raising funds on stalls, by raffles and other activities as well as continuing our presence in the public to ensure the charity's objectives are met.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees: Andrew Baker

Print name: Andrew Baker MBE BCAv

Designation: Charity Founder & Chair of Trustees

Date: 01/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Play2Give	1200351

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Balance brought forward	18,641	-	-	18,641	18,773
Charitable activities	6,507	-	-	6,507	9,434
Donations and legacies inc. Gift Aid	21,338	-	-	21,338	14,885
Income from other trading activities	14,658	-	-	14,658	17,389
Sleigh2Give	366	-	-	366	1,527
Other	202	-	-	202	126
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	61,712	-	-	61,712	62,133
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,712	-	-	61,712	62,133
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities	19,673	-	-	19,673	25,213
Expenditure on Raising Funds	18,720	-	-	18,720	17,261
Governance	80	-	-	80	100
Sleigh2Give - Gifts	1,041	-	-	1,041	918
Other	202	-	-	202	-
The Play2Give Room	1,021	-	-	1,021	-
Andy's Room - Oxford Head Injury Services	1,634	-	-	1,634	-
Sub total	42,372	-	-	42,372	43,492
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,372	-	-	42,372	43,492
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,340	-	-	19,340	18,641
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	19,340	-	-	19,340	18,641

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		19,340	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,340	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Recoverable Signature X Andrew Baker	Andrew Baker MBE	05/10/2026