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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 MARCH 2024**  
**FOR**  
**THE RISE TRUST**

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# THE RISE TRUST (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The Trustees, who are also directors of The RISE Trust for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 January 2019).

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number - 05662408 (England and Wales)

#### Registered Charity Number

1114446

#### Registered Office

The Oaks,  
Chippenham,  
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The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, unless otherwise stated were:

Eve Cale	
Simon Dunn	
Claire Hayes	Chair
Julia Harle	Resigned 6 July 2024
Rosemary Lewis	Appointed 24 April 2023 - Resigned 16 January 2024
David Powell	
Anita Seaton	Appointed 6 July 2023
Mo Simmons	Appointed 24 April 2023
Lynette Turner	Resigned 16 January 2024
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



### Senior Management Team – up to 31/03/24

Lynn Evans – Chief Executive Officer

Danielle Blake – Youth Service Lead

Stacey Henry – Children's Service Lead – Calne – TUPE'd to Spurgeons 01/04/24

Emma Williams – Children's Service Lead – Chippenham & Corsham – TUPE'd to Spurgeons 01/04/24

Alison Wiltshire – Children's Service Lead – Royal Wootton Bassett – TUPE'd to Spurgeons 01/04/24

Sarah Poole – Finance Officer

### Senior Management Team – post 01/04/24

Lynn Evans – Chief Executive Officer

Danielle Blake – Young People's Lead

Sarah Poole – Finance Lead

Debbie White – RISE Pre-School Manager

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 23 December 2005 and registered as a Charitable Trust No. 1114446 on 31 May 2006.

The directors of the company are also RISE Trust trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the management committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one third of the members of the management committee must retire from office at the Annual General Meeting, after which they may be re-elected.

Christian ethics underpin the working structure of The RISE Trust, and as such the management committee seeks to ensure people do have Christian values, a passion to work within the community, and have the relevant skills. Such persons are encouraged to become a trustee however it is not a pre-requisite that trustees are practising Christians, and they are not expected to become Christian.

The RISE Trust has a management committee of a minimum of 5 members (Trustees) who meet four times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of The RISE Trust. These members come from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the Trust, representing the more traditional business skills including finance, health and safety, management and human resources, as well as early years and education, working with vulnerable people, and special educational needs. This is to ensure we make an effort to maintain a broad combination of skills, members of the management committee are requested to provide a list of their skills (and update it each year) and in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the management committee.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

Trustees may already be familiar with the practical work of The RISE Trust having been involved with aspects of the Trust, such as volunteering and attending sessions, before becoming elected to serve on the management committee.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a short information session (of no more than an hour) led by the Chair of the Trustees and the CEO. This enables trustees to familiarise themselves with The RISE Trust and the context within which it operates. These usually offer a visit to a RISE building hosted by the CEO. This procedure follows our Trustee Recruitment checklist, and covers:

- The obligation of management committee members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for The RISE Trust including the Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts

- Future plans and objectives.

The Commission's guide "The Essential Trustee" is distributed to all new trustees along with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and the latest accounts.

During 2023-2024 The RISE Trust tendered for the new Family Hub model in Wiltshire however we were not successful and consequently our contract with Wiltshire Council ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and therefore we are currently in a stage of action planning. The day-to-day responsibility of the Trust's services continues to lie with the Chair of Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. They were responsible for ensuring that The RISE Trust delivered the services specified by Wiltshire Council commissioners and met the Local Authority key performance indicators until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Both the Chair and the CEO continue to manage and develop The RISE Trust services that are not connected to Wiltshire Council.

Public Liability insurance has been taken out to appropriately protect the company and indemnify its trustees, employees and volunteers.

The arrangements for setting the pay and remuneration for all staff is done through an annual Trustee meeting. This meeting focuses on financial constraints and cost of living increases with regards to salaries. We follow the principles of fairness, consistency, and qualifications to annually review The RISE Trust pay scales.

#### **Fund-raising standards information**

At The RISE Trust our fundraising is managed through applying to grant making charities, holding sponsored/fundraising events, being a nominated charity by local organisations and individuals, and a Just Giving page. Applications for grants are written by managers of the various services - these include Mentor Me, Contact Centre, and our Youth Service Lead. Our Youth work continues to flourish across North Wiltshire for specific projects as well as our usual youth provision and we have again received an increased amount of funding from local sources, the Lottery Million Hours Fund and The Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, to facilitate this expansion. The Trust does not target members of the public for donations, and we do not use a professional fundraiser. During the year 2023-2024 there have been no complaints about our fundraising.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The RISE Trust's aims and objectives activities until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 were:

- To promote general charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of North Wiltshire including Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Cricklade, Purton, Malmesbury, Royal Wootton Bassett, Lyneham and the surrounding areas.
- To provide relief from financial hardship, social and/or economic disadvantage amongst its residents.
- To advance the education of its residents of all ages, and in particular to provide opportunities for the aforementioned residents to participate fully in the life of their community in ways which address and alleviate social and economic disadvantage.

The trustees referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims, objectives and policies as well as when planning future activities. The charitable objectives have been reviewed by staff and trustees for 2024-2025 in light of The RISE Trust no longer being commissioned by Wiltshire Council - they continue to provide a clear and demonstrable public benefit.

There was no change to these objectives during the year 2023-2024.

The main principal activities for 2023-2024 focused on a comprehensive range of family support services for those living in the catchment area of North Wiltshire. We aimed to develop close working relationships with support agencies relevant to the services offered and improve child and youth-based activities. The range of services available included:

- Sure Start Children's Centres
- One to one outreach support for families identified as "in need"
- Sessions for parents to attend re: baby/ child development
- The RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks
- Courses aimed at parenting support and education
- Domestic abuse support
- Youth work across North Wiltshire - detached and safe spaces
- Targeted youth mentoring out of school hours
- Youth mentoring in secondary schools
- Local school links and PSA services within primary schools
- Volunteer mentoring services to the primary schools
- Family Visiting Service providing support in family homes with the help of trained volunteers
- Employment and debt support services and signposting for parents
- Family Supported Child Contact Centre
- Support for pre-school settings and children transitioning to schools in North Wiltshire

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

The RISE Trust has a very close relationship with the local community it serves. A steady stream of volunteers therefore offer to support and develop elements of the services detailed above. Volunteering manifests itself in a variety of ways - offering their time and expertise to The RISE Trust. The trust encourages anyone who feels they have the necessary qualities to work alongside the staff to deliver our core services to apply as a volunteer. Former clients are actively encouraged to become volunteers, students and/or trainees as part of their journey back into education and employment. Our volunteering provision is highly thought of and several of our employees started their journey off as volunteers for our services.

Volunteers receive training suitable to the service in which they are offering to support us and are fully vetted using our DBS Ucheck service. In 2023-2024 volunteers have worked with families providing the Bookstart programme, Early Words Together at Two, EPEC Parenting Programme, Mentoring in primary schools, Family Visiting Service as well as helping in our Child Contact Centre, and with Youth detached work. We encourage young people to complete work experience with the Trust and have a well-established young leaders programme within our youth work.

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

"Volunteering has given me the confidence to thrive in my workplace and given me the confidence to attend interviews to get into employment."

"Can I just say that everything is very organised and I feel very supported, thank you"

"I love volunteering with the well-being session, it makes me feel so wholesome"

The RISE Trust continues to estimate that for every £1 provided by the local authority in 2023-2024 we provided a minimum of £2 worth of services into the local community. Up until December 2023 we received £40,919 worth of volunteer hours based on the Local Authority figure of £10.42 per hour (23/24) – the final figure was not recorded due to the cessation of county reporting.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of services that enable individuals to participate more fully in the life of their community, whilst offering a range of services to help develop skills to remove the barriers of social disadvantage.

### **To all the staff at The RISE**

"Thank you for everything you have offered my family over the past 12 years! It is truly coming to the end of an era. Wishing you all the best for the future whatever that looks like. The RISE Trust is a valuable service to so many families. Keep up the great work."

"I just want to say a huge Thank you to everyone at RISE, there isn't one member of staff that hasn't made a difference to my journey at RISE."

## **Children's Centres**

Children's Centres were a government initiative operating nationwide for the wellbeing of the community they serve. From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, the Family Hub model will replace Children's Centres in Wiltshire and will operate from existing council buildings.

Family Hubs are centres which ensure families with children and young people aged 0-19 (up to 25 years for SEND) receive early help to overcome a range of difficulties and build stronger relationships.

The RISE Children's Centres at Spring Rise Children's Centre (Frogwell School site), Royal Wootton Bassett (Longleaze School site), and Calne (Priestley School site) closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. However, the RISE Trust has applied for a Community Asset Transfer for The Oaks building in Chippenham so it can become our 'Community Hub' from which we will run our services including youth, mentoring, PSA, Contact Centre and preschool.

### **Parent feedback for our Children's Centre Services**

"I would just like to say how much my Outreach worker has supported both me and H with either being a listening ear or keeping me on my toes with great courses. Going to be sad to lose her now my little boy is getting older and moving onto school. So a big thank you for all your support it's going to be a sad one. Not only has she given me great life skills on how I am only in control of what I do and not what others do, I have learnt a lot over the last 2 years and feel more confident about how to deal with stuff and my children so thank you."

The RISE Children's Centres were a service hub in 2023-2024 offering children under five years of age and their families seamless integrated services and information. They offered targeted provision to ensure that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children get the Best Start in Life in line with the Local Authority's Families and Children Transformation (FACT) strategy.

These services included:

- Integrated early education and childcare, offering Early Years provision with qualified teacher access
- Support for parents, including advice on parenting, child development, relationships support, health and safety, local childcare options and access to specialist services for families including SENDISS, and Early Years Inclusion Support
- Child and family health services, ranging from health screening and health visitor services signposting to breastfeeding peer support



- Helping parents into work, with links to the local Jobcentre Plus, Citizens Advice, Christians Against Poverty, Local Authority Supporting Families team, Wiltshire Family and Community Learning, Wiltshire Money, Building Bridges, volunteering and training.

The community has benefitted from the wide range of services offered from the four buildings and other locations in the North Wiltshire community during 2023-2024 these include:

- Baby Steps in conjunction with hcrq and NHS health professionals
- Baby and Me – a six-week parenting course for new parents covering topics including wellbeing, relationships, safety, baby development, health and next steps whilst developing social networks (A RISE Trust programme)
- Parents' courses – a full range of courses designed to improve parenting skills, parents understanding of child development
- Five to Thrive – a targeted approach for under-fives and their carers which focuses on five key aspects of parenting promoting attachment and healthy brain development
- Individual 1:1 outreach support
- EPEC (Empowering Parents Empowering Communities) national programme
- Being a Parent Awareness support (BAP) 1:1
- Young parents groups
- Freedom Programme (Domestic Abuse Support Awareness Course)
- Freedom Forever Programme
- Freedom for Children Programme
- Behaviour that Challenges course (A RISE Trust programme)
- Ready, Steady, School course for parents and children who are transitioning into primary school (A RISE Trust programme)
- Book start
- Early Words Together @ two
- Twins group
- Health Visitor 'Drop ins' – an opportunity to chat and talk through child health issues with Health Visitors possible
- Midwife Clinic – a clinic set up to make midwife care more accessible for young parents through a booking system
- Mum2mum Breastfeeding Support Groups via ABM a local provider
- Family Learning courses (including English, Maths, IT)
- Baby Massage

**Health Visitor feedback** - *"It has been a pleasure to work with you all. I have so much respect for the fantastic work you do with the families in Calne. Thank you for always being so welcoming and supportive of our HV service."*

**SENCo feedback** - *"Thank you to yourself and the Rise Trust for the support you have shown the family. I think this referral was perfect for them and I'm so pleased that we are all working together in partnership to create a community for such a lovely family."*

**Preschool feedback** - *"Thank you so much for your time and support, as always it is a very good chance to review and remind me about which families might need more support, as well as reflecting on progress we have made together, working with you and the outreach workers in your brilliant team."*

Achievements were reported four times a year to the Local Authority through Quarterly Monitoring meetings with our commissioner where data was shared. These were held virtually and attended by all Children's Service Leads alongside the CEO. Once a year the finance officer also attended to report on budgeting.

The RISE Trust have a designated Data Protection Officer (OneWest) to support us with data protection and have recently had an external GDPR audit (March 2024) – we scored 96% which is very high and were commended by the DPO for being low risk in all areas of data protection.



### **Parental Development and Education**

One to one outreach support was a core strand to our 2023-2024 work with families and was highly thought of by families and professionals alike.

Outreach work focussed on 6 areas – parenting, child development, education/ employment and finances, health, relationships and child safety. The work began with a baseline score and then progress was monitored in relation to this score. Courses were also measured using the same procedure. Throughout the year of 2023-2024 data was shared with RISE trustees and our Wiltshire commissioner for Children's Centres.

#### **OUTREACH WORKER FEEDBACK**

"I have felt very supported by my outreach worker. My life has come full circle, and we are now on what feels like a good path. I couldn't have asked for a more caring and supportive outreach worker. My baby has a more relaxed mum, and I have really benefitted from all the courses suggested to me. Thank you for everything." -

**Parent**

"Don't know what I would have done without my ORW. I appreciated the times when I didn't engage well and ORW did not give up on me". - **Parent**

"Just to say the children's centre working with this family has been phenomenal. You have supported A for a long time with her twins with additional needs. You have helped mum significantly to move forward in her confidence and knowledge of parenting, supported her interactions with the children, supported her around benefits and DLA, ensuring they got all the benefits they needed. Mum has found you amazing and so supportive. She has found you approachable and always accessible for her. You have gone above and beyond, helping her to access prescriptions and checking on nutrition and referrals for this. You have been excellent and provided a wonderful service." – **Health visitor**

"When I have been in really bad places my ORW has given me the time needed. I am so much more stable and emotionally balanced as a result and feel life just goes more smoothly because of this". - **Parent**

"I can't put into words what your support means to me and the boys" – **bereaved grandmother**

"Thank you for all your support for the families you are working with. We can see the positive impact it has and we really enjoy working with someone who is so proactive and offers such practical support!" - **Family Nurse**

**Practitioner**

Parental development was delivered through an evidence-based parenting course in 2023-2024 entitled 'Being a parent' - a national programme Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) which is an eight-week course based on experiential learning and reflection. We also ran the EPEC Baby & Us course in 2023-2024 with very positive feedback.

#### **EPEC Baby & Us Learning moments...**

"Being more compassionate to myself"

"Made me think more about my goals"

"Everyone is going through the same things"

"Learnt about emotions and feelings"

"Do what is best for you and baby"

"Breathe and knowing we are both doing well"

"reacting to babies emotions – not just happy emotions"

"how to phrase my feelings" & "No perfect parent"

#### **What is the most important thing you'll take away with you?**

"confidence" & "sharing different experiences"

"it's okay if the baby does cry"

"take time for myself without feeling guilty"

#### **Comments**

"Great course with supportive & helpful staff leading – we look forward to each week's classes"

"being with other mums – lovely environment for babies, great leaders on the course".

"sharing experiences" & "Relaxed atmosphere"

"No judgment – no wrong approaches"

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In addition, The RISE Trust ran many other courses, which aimed to develop parenting skills and understanding. 'Five to Thrive' and trauma informed practice however continues to run throughout all the training and interventions we provide going into 2024-2025. We aim to teach parents about the five key elements to focus on in order to establish strong attachments between child and parent. Baby and Me, Behaviour that Challenges, Ready Steady School and Chat, Chill, Connect are all interventions written and delivered solely by The RISE Trust. All of which show excellent progress for the participants.

### **Ready Steady School**

"Fantastic course! The change in all the children since starting is brilliant. Lots of new easy skills to provide support for the children starting school."

"Really enjoyed this course. Very informative and helpful."

### **Baby & Me**

"I think this course was valuable in gaining additional useful knowledge and growing in confidence in looking after my child, helping her develop and finding a more healthy balance between 'caring' for her and myself. The environment was very friendly and relaxed which I appreciated."

"Really lovely informative sessions which have drastically improved my confidence. Thank you!"

### **Behaviour that Challenges**

"I have really enjoyed learning new techniques to notice challenging behaviour and deal with them better and this is noticeable in M. I really enjoyed & learned a lot that has helped with M today."

"My facilitator is so lovely she makes it real. She gave me advice and used examples of parenting her own children which normalised things for me."

## **The RISE Trust Services**

### **RISE Pre-Schools**

The RISE Trust operated two established RISE pre-schools from the beginning of 2023-2024 but sadly closed The RISE Pre-school @ Frogwell (Ofsted graded 'good' 2022) in July 2023 due to the cessation of our lease and the closing of the Children's Centre in March 2024.

The RISE Pre-school @ The Oaks (Ofsted graded 'good' 2023) continues to be different to other pre-school settings by providing additional support and learning opportunities for parents and carers. This setting has gone from strength to strength, and we ended the year positively with an encouraging number of children (over 25) on the books for September 2024.

### **RISE Pre-school parent comments**

"I really appreciate all the work you have done supporting me through very difficult times and helping my children especially E while at the nursery she always loved seeing u giving u a big hug. We are all going to miss you thank you very much for everything 😊 "

"My child's keyworker has been the consistency of the whole preschool this year. She has been so kind and supportive to us and J through this year. She always has a smile on her face and puts the kids first. She has done some great work, working on J's emotions and feelings and we feel she is a real asset to The RISE Trust."

"Thank you all for your hard work and for giving J the best preschool experience."

RISE preschool provides the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum for two to four-year olds. It is open every day in the school term providing an exciting place for children to learn through play-based activities enabling them to become independent learners and develop their own identity. By journeying with other children, and the input and support they get from the qualified and experienced staff, children build the skills necessary to make good progress when they move into primary school. We also use Tapestry (an online educational assessment and observation toolkit shared with parents/ carers) to encourage parents to ensure the homes our children live in are places where learning is valued, encouraged and nurtured. Our outdoor area was revamped by a local business as part of their community contributions, and we benefitted from new resources and external flooring. We believe our RISE Pre-school makes a real difference to improving children's lives.

### **Youth Activities and Events**

The RISE Trust provides detached youth services/outreach as well as new 'safe spaces' (indoor venues) in other areas of North Wiltshire – Chippenham, Calne, Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade, Purton, Malmesbury and Corsham. This service is requested by the local authority, area boards and town councils so that the young people of our community continue to receive free and welcoming support in their own towns. This free service provides a vital listening ear for the most vulnerable youth in our community and is highly successful. Every night of the week, all year round, our youth team are in one or more of these towns – in some towns we provide a service two or three nights a week. We are also asked to provide holiday provision by the local community engagement managers.

Funding comes from Local Youth Networks (LYN), Wiltshire Community Fund, I Will Community Foundation, UK Youth Digital and Wiltshire Council grants.

In addition, The RISE has been awarded Safer Streets funding in Chippenham as a result of being outsourced by Swindon Council. This is funded through the Office of Police Crime Commissioner and aims to reduce anti-social behaviour in the community.

Following a successful bid to the Lottery we have also secured Million Hours Funding for the Hardens Ward of Chippenham and this is providing 5 hours a week support to provide more positive activities for young people and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Community volunteering and support enables adults and young youth leaders from the local community to establish trusting relationships and this has been particularly evident recently as young people reach out for support for mental health, relationships, knife crime and substance misuse. Our highly experienced Young People's Service Lead manages this provision with Youth Support Workers to support her in developing our out-of-school mentoring service. Currently 8 young people are mentored weekly usually referred to our free service by social care when cases are stepped down. This free-of-charge service is funded through the variety of grants we receive. We also provide a targeted weekly well-being group and a Year 5/6 group where vulnerable and less confident young people can have a voice.

Our youth service prides itself with the multi-agency work that we do and during 2023-2024 have been involved in multi-agency groups (including Police/ PCSOs, Wiltshire CEMs, town councillors, Motiv8, local businesses and charities) in order to support localities where young people are causing concern and look at how we can support/ reduce these concerns. In acknowledgement of all the hard work the team does our Youth Service was awarded the Chippenham Town Council Civic award in Spring 2024.

The RISE Trust staff and volunteers are committed to the mental wellbeing of our young people and report to the funding bodies regularly. All staff are trained in safeguarding and safer working practices ensuring there are always two members of staff walking a pre-planned route in order to engage with the young people. Each evening, they support up to 60 youths per session through conversations and providing information and signposting them to appropriate services. The success of this scheme means we will continue to provide both detached and 'safe space' support in local buildings. The RISE Trust has also supported community events such as Christmas, PRIDE, carnivals, Calne Bike Meet and town fairs.

#### **Youth Service feedback**

**Feedback from school** - "X has thrived from mentoring with her mentor. It has made a significant difference to and for her, and we know that she will miss her sessions greatly."

"Z has been positive about mentoring sessions and really taken to her mentor. She has been able to break the ice with her morning routines and mentoring has planted positive 'can do' seeds."

**Feedback from parents** - "Even though it's only his second week attending the youth club, he absolutely loves it! He's excited to come back each time, and counts down the hours till we have to leave!"

"You guys are incredible with what you do! You're all amazing and deserve some sort of award for the work you all do!"

**Feedback from young people** - "It's good here! Keeps us off the street and out of trouble!"

"We can come and get help and support that we need, and it gets me out the house."

"It's fun here and we get to see all our friends and chill out!"

"I have loved coming to see my mentor and it has been my mid-week pick me up. I come feeling down and fed up and leave smiling and laughing walking down the corridor. I will miss coming to this and feel sad that it has come to an end."

We have sole use of The Pavilion in Westmead, Chippenham for face-to-face groups when the weather is suitable and can have up to 25-30 young people per night 'drop in' for support in Chippenham, for a chat and a toastie! In other towns we are now charged for the use of indoor safe spaces - Royal Wootton Bassett (28 young people per session), Calne (25 young people per session), Purton (28 young people per session), and Cricklade (15 young people per session).

#### **School Links and Mentoring**

The relationships with schools both primary and secondary schools continue with schools making referrals to us to engage vulnerable young people.

Senior staff of The RISE Trust attend virtual local area Multi-Agency Forums (MAFs.). These are highly valued meetings, where information is shared by professionals from a variety of services.

Our PSA (Parent Support Adviser) service in primary schools continues in Chippenham and also now in Devizes enabling us to have a greater understanding of the needs and challenges currently facing children, young people and families. As the trust has reduced in size, we are now looking at promoting our PSA service further as well as developing our own trauma based programme for parents and children – we hope this will become a source of income revenue.

**Teacher PSA feedback**

"A is more able to control his feelings and emotions. He is much happier leaving gran in the mornings to come to school, his focus is also better."

"Due to the Patchwork programme X formed a stronger relationship with his mum, he has told me about playing football with her sometimes and her being proud of him. I am aware of mum's panic whenever I ask to talk to her so, am ensuring that X is hearing me praise his achievements to mum often. I wouldn't have known about this without the programme."

**Parent feedback**

"My PSA has been a great support over the past few weeks for me and my family. My son has been having some SEN challenges in school, and she has made me feel listened to and heard with my feelings and frustrations. My PSA has been great at helping to join the dots between parents and families. The time also spent with my son to make him feel heard and understood has also been fantastic, both for him and for me. Thank you."

"Thank you so much for being there this last term! You've listened, you've understood and you've made me feel like I'm not going mad! I will be forever grateful to have and to have had amazing people around me and the kids through the good and the bad - thank you."

The Youth Mentoring was available weekly in the Chippenham secondary schools through our youth outreach worker until June 2024. She met the young people and supported them face-to-face. Due to changes in school's funding this service has now been taken 'in-house' however we are still present in both secondary schools providing essential weekly lunch time pop-ins to support young people during their free time and offering them a listening ear.

**Mentor Me school feedback**

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to have support from the Mentor Me programme. It has been beneficial to so many children over the years."

"Our mentor has been absolutely amazing! B looked forward to seeing her each week and there has been a noticeable difference in B's general wellbeing. B hasn't been seeking out adults as much in school to talk to and B's mum feels she is managing her worries more effectively."

"L really enjoyed these sessions – it was so valuable for him to have one to one time with a trusted adult to discuss his feelings and emotional response."

Our Mentor Me programme was provided via the Trust and now a successful application for Chippenham Boroughlands funding. This enables us to train and supervise volunteer mentors in many of the Chippenham primary schools. This year we had Mentor Me volunteers in ten primary schools, supporting 16 children over the year and the feedback gathered shows this continues to be a valued and positive scheme. During 2023-2024 we have also been commissioned to train a Mentoring coordinator in a local Multi-academy trust so they can set up a Mentor Me service in South Wiltshire.

Our current RISE services in schools demonstrate a focus on building connections and relationships, multi-agency working, through sharing of information and all-round support. This enables the

children to thrive and transition positively from pre-school education into the primary school environment and then into secondary school. Therefore, we can retain the important link with The RISE Trust and its youth outreach as well as using the internal networking between RISE staff that enables us to 'know' the families and communities very well which helps with tailoring support. This part of our work continues after losing the Wiltshire contract and gives us many opportunities to build on our practice and look into how we can use our remaining services for generating income into the future.

### **Family Visiting Service**

After much thought we decided to cease running our Family Visiting Service after March 2024 as there are other organisations providing a similar service and the number of families we were supporting had reduced. By doing this we could use experienced staff in our youth service instead and that is where the need has grown considerably.

### **Families Together Contact Centre**

'Families Together Contact Centre' was rebranded in 2021 and continues to provide a safe place for non-resident parents to have *supported* access to their children. Parents can self-refer or are referred to the Contact Centre by solicitors, social workers, keyworkers, and outreach workers. This service enables many parents to continue to have regular contact with their children in difficult circumstances where relationships have broken down. The centre operates out of The Oaks Community Hub and benefits from an outdoor space, sensory room and child friendly resources. A number of local parents and staff support the running of this service as trained volunteers. This service is now very much in demand, and we are currently holding a waiting list for families. Therefore, we are looking to see if this provision needs to expand.

This year we are waiting for the portal to open to submit our application for finances through NACCC. This is a thorough process where policies, procedures and etc are shared in order to secure the funding. Our NACCC accreditation currently runs from April 2023 to April 2026.

**Contact Centre child feedback** – "It's fun here – I think it is amazing!"

"I like seeing daddy here"

**Parent feedback** – "The facilities are so much better than the last contact centre I visited – thank you for taking the time to show me round and reassure me that this will be a safe place to be."



**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

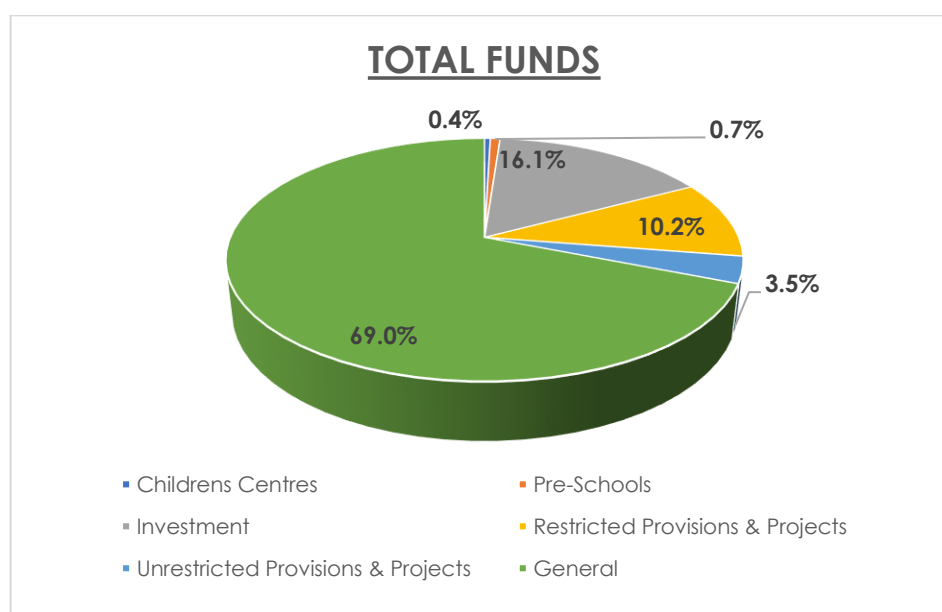
The Statement of Financial Activities shows that The RISE Trust had a deficit of **£17,953** (2022-23 surplus £1,395). The deficit is mainly due to having to spend the majority of the Children's Centre rollover due to the contract not continuing and the increased costs of salaries and goods and services.

At the end of the financial year the balance of both the unrestricted and restricted funds totalled £686,715 (2022-23 £704,668).

**Summary of Restricted and Unrestricted Funds**

<b>Un-Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£</b>
General Fund	473,747
RISE Pre-School @ Spring	0
RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks	5,000
Investment Fund – for Pre-School, Contact, Youth & Mentor Me Project development	110,473
Schools Fund – PSA support in primary schools	15,633
Youth Work – in school mentoring (secondary)	8,530
<b>Total of Unrestricted (including Designated) Funds</b>	<b>613,383</b>

<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£</b>
The RISE Children's Centre's	2,965
Child Contact Centre	4,530
Project – miscellaneous restricted projects	8,464
Youth Work – Youth Clubs (restricted income)	57,373
<b>Total of Restricted Funds</b>	<b>73,332</b>

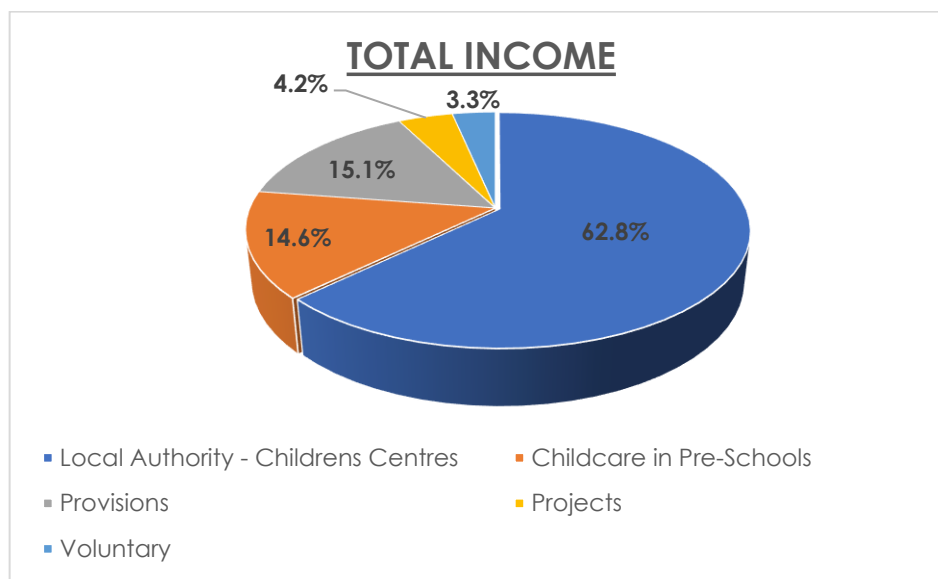




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### **PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES/ INCOME**

The principal funding source for The RISE Trust was the contract for the provision of the Children's Centre services with Wiltshire Council (North Wiltshire); this represents 62.8% (2022-23 63.4%) of the total income. This restricted income can only be spent on services to the under-fives through the Children's Centre Contract. Other funding was generated from grants, donations from agencies and individuals, and session fees.



### **Reserves**

The General Fund, representing approximately £473,747 (2022-23 £376,244) of the balance of funds has no legal restrictions on its use which is available for the charitable purposes of The RISE Trust.

The RISE Trust total funds are £686,715, of which £73,332 are restricted. Our designated funds (less the General fund) total £139,636.

Following guidance from the Charities Commission in our last report we explained we aimed to have six months of total expenditure costs based on the period April – June 2023. However, due to the loss of the Children's Centre contract our aim now is to have twelve months of core salaries and overheads in reserve which we estimate would be around £230,000.

In April 2024 the trustees have decided to move the investment fund into the general fund. We also continue to explore and apply for funding bids to support the charity so it can ensure its sustainability.

In light of the loss of the Wiltshire Council Contract we are action planning for securing additional funding streams to ensure that "The RISE Trust Services", can continue to be delivered.

The Trustees have taken into account the level of free reserves necessary to cover the following potential risks:

- a) Failure to achieve necessary fundraising targets;
- b) Future significant project deficits;
- c) Cashflow requirement necessary to fund the ongoing, planned operating deficits;
- d) An event having a major negative reputational effect on The RISE Trust.

Without a sufficient level of free reserves to cover the financial impact of the factors listed above, the ability to safeguard our charitable works would be rapidly weakened and could lead to the cessation and withdrawal of RISE Trust services. As a Christian Charity our long-term mission is to support our communities, children, young people and families. Therefore, we require an appropriate level of freely available reserves in order to maintain financial stability.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which The RISE Trust is exposed and continue to plan those systems to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trust has an up-to-date operational risk register in place written in conjunction with senior managers, the Finance Officer and trustees which includes a focus on our youth service, our early years' setting and other services.

The key challenges for 2024-2025 will be:

- Securing additional funding to achieve our new aims.
- Managing and developing The RISE Trust services so they can operate as stand-alone services ensuring we continue to provide high quality services to children and families.
- Retention of current staff during uncertainty and recruitment of new staff.
- Continuing to maintain the highest professional standards to ensure the security and safety for all who come in contact with The RISE Trust.
- Managing the impact of the increased minimum wage and the impact it has had on our pay scales.
- Budgeting to take into account the impact of the rise in the cost of living and fuel charges/ utility costs.

The Trustees and senior management are proactive and collaborative and work closely with the CEO and Senior Leadership Team to address and mitigate these challenges through:

- Identifying new sources of income generation for RISE services.
- Detailed planning for The RISE Trust to continue services including budgets, service charges, contract renewals, staffing structure, expansion of services.
- Diligent budgeting and efficient use of resources/ sites/ venues across all RISE services.
- Effective management of staff and recruitment, including reviewing roles and responsibilities regularly.
- Maintaining a Trustee Board that ensures a wide range of skills/ experience.

Further risk assessments will be carried out as and when necessary, as the Trust analyses its activities and areas of potential risk. The RISE Trust's Risk Register is reviewed annually.

### **Investment Policy**

Whilst retaining a small amount for day-to-day transactions in the bank's current account, any surplus funds are currently held in a reserve account which attracts a small amount of interest. The present levels of Trusts funds do not warrant any long-term investment planning; however, this will be kept under review to ensure best investment practice is achieved.

### **Donations from Trustees**

In 2022-23 we received a total of £80.00 (2022-23 - £240) in donations from trustees.

### **Plans for the future**

The RISE staff and trustees have now reviewed our aims for 2024-25 and they are:

- To promote our charitable purposes founded on inclusive Christian values for the benefit of the RISE Trust community in ways which address and alleviate social and economic disadvantage for people from all faiths and backgrounds.
- To serve as a hub that supports children and young people up to the age of 19 years (25 years for SEND) in our community by offering advice, assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities
- To promote the progress of children, young people and their families by developing and enhancing their skills, capacities and capabilities
- To enable and empower everyone in our community to successfully participate in society as happy, independent, well-rounded and responsible individuals

The RISE Trust plans to:

- identify new sources of income generation for RISE services
- build on our vast experience of delivering services across the 0-19 age range (to 25 years for SEND)
- continue the services (previously 'provisions') outlined in this report
- develop new and exciting community links with local service providers in Wiltshire and beyond
- share our expertise with partner agencies - mentoring services, youth provision, parent support advisors and our Contact Centre
- have plans to embed our expanded youth services
- investigate working collaboratively with schools to develop parental support and mentoring opportunities
- support children, young people and families impacted by the rise in the cost of living, the impact of poor mental health and wellbeing, and relationship conflict.



**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of The RISE Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Sumer Auditco Limited, may be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
C Hayes – Chair of Trustees

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The RISE Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Based on our understanding of the charity and the provision of children services, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to Ofsted, safeguarding, health and safety, employment law, Companies Act 2006 and Charity Law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements of the charity. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to revenue recognition, management override, and potential lack of segregation of duties. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:

- discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- understanding and review of management's internal controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities, and fraud;
- review of the minutes of the Trustees meetings;
- designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that might indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- review of the financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- testing transactions entered into outside of the normal course of the charity's business; and
- identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries with fraud characteristics such as journals with round numbers.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and the transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

James Gare (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited  
Statutory Auditors  
Hermes House, Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon, Wiltshire, SN2 2GA

Date: .....



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	18,870	82,314	101,184	91,505
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Children Centres and other activities	5	210,548	869,964	1,080,512	1,101,438
Investment income	4	<u>11,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,147</u>	<u>3,344</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>240,565</u>	<u>952,278</u>	<u>1,192,843</u>	<u>1,196,287</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Children Centres and other activities	6	<u>187,166</u>	<u>1,023,630</u>	<u>1,210,796</u>	<u>1,194,892</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		53,399	(71,352)	(17,953)	1,395
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>559,984</u>	<u>144,684</u>	<u>704,668</u>	<u>703,273</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>613,383</u></u>	<u><u>73,332</u></u>	<u><u>686,715</u></u>	<u><u>704,668</u></u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05662408 (England and Wales)**  
**AT 31 MARCH 2024**



	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	3,097	11,993
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>726,676</u>	<u>735,547</u>
		729,773	747,540
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(43,058)	(42,872)
		<u>686,715</u>	<u>704,668</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		686,715	704,668
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>686,715</u>	<u>704,668</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>686,715</u>	<u>704,668</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	18		
Unrestricted funds		613,383	559,984
Restricted funds		<u>73,332</u>	<u>144,684</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>686,715</u>	<u>704,668</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
C Hayes - Chair of Trustees

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	21	<u>(20,018)</u>	<u>(13,405)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(20,018)</u>	<u>(13,405)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<u>11,147</u>	<u>3,344</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>11,147</u>	<u>3,344</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>735,547</u>	<u>745,608</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>726,676</u></u>	<u><u>735,547</u></u>

# THE RISE TRUST (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The RISE Trust is a company limited by guarantee, without share capital, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The charity's registration number and registered office address can be found in the trustees' report.

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

There are no significant areas of judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

#### **Going concern**

The RISE Trust was unsuccessful in its bid for the Family Hub Contract during the year. Post year end the main services The RISE Trust is delivering are Pre-school, Youth, Parent Support Advisor, Contact Centre and Mentor-me. The loss of the Family Hub Contract has resulted in a reduction in income and while measures have been taken to reduce costs there is currently a significant gap between income and expenditure.

The trustees and senior management team are action planning for securing additional funding streams to ensure that its services can continue to be delivered. They have prepared budgets and cashflows for a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Donated goods and services

Where material, donated goods and services are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised and refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, where material, donated goods and services are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The charity also receives requests for goods from parents. The charity obtains these freely from other organisations and distributes them freely to the beneficiaries. These items are not recognised as income or expenditure in the charity's financial statements.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

### Redundancy/termination payments

Termination benefits are measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. If the expected settlement date of the termination payments is 12 months or more after making the provision and the effect would be material, the present value of the obligation is calculated using an appropriate discount rate.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	- Straight line over 3 years
Computer & phone equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Assets costing below £1,000 are not capitalised by the charity.

### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## **2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

### **Financial risk management**

The charity has minimal exposure to customer credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Please refer to the trustees annual report for information on how risks are managed.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants and donations by agencies	95,158	83,501
Gift aid	957	1,302
Donations by individuals	<u>5,069</u>	<u>6,702</u>
	<u>101,184</u>	<u>91,505</u>

The charity benefits greatly from the time and expertise of its many volunteers, details of which are given in the trustees' report. In accordance with FRS102 and the Charities SORP (FRS102), the economic contribution of volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>11,147</u>	<u>3,344</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wiltshire Council and other service contracts	909,483	902,639
Activity session fees	<u>171,029</u>	<u>198,799</u>
	<u>1,080,512</u>	<u>1,101,438</u>

Government Grant Income:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wiltshire County Council	792,039	794,296

There were no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants. The charity has not directly benefited from any other forms of government assistance.

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs	Support costs	Totals
	(See note 7)	(See note 8)	
	£	£	£
Children Centres and other activities	<u>1,028,426</u>	<u>182,370</u>	<u>1,210,796</u>



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**7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	808,086	808,096
Rent, Rates, utilities and phone/internet	100,230	104,701
Staff expenses	17,753	15,940
Volunteers' expenses	2,462	1,598
Recruitment and training	5,993	5,743
Goods and services, and room hire	63,361	41,216
Equipment	10,872	23,411
Consumables	19,669	24,278
	<u>1,028,426</u>	<u>1,024,983</u>

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management and Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Children Centres and other activities	<u>172,170</u>	<u>10,200</u>	<u>182,370</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Management and Finance**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages	127,715	117,288
Social security	12,601	11,752
Pensions	4,487	5,122
Payroll and accountancy services	2,798	2,291
HR services	4,795	4,016
IT support	11,059	13,759
Bank charges	1,033	777
Insurance	6,946	5,712
Other fees	736	160
	<u>172,170</u>	<u>160,877</u>

**Governance costs**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	9,032

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**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	9,032
Operating lease rentals - land & buildings	<u>32,950</u>	<u>32,950</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	870,243	856,777
Social security costs	50,740	52,986
Other pension costs	<u>31,906</u>	<u>32,495</u>
	<u>952,889</u>	<u>942,258</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Manager	6	5
Teacher	1	1
Finance and administration	8	9
Cleaning and catering	2	2
Outreach	15	16
Playworker and family practitioner	15	16
Youth Worker	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The number of full time equivalent staff were 32 (2023 - 35).

The main key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the finance officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £107,714 (2023: £98,945).

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**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	24,845	66,660	91,505
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Children Centres and other activities	241,057	860,381	1,101,438
Investment income	<u>3,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,344</u>
<b>Total</b>	269,246	927,041	1,196,287
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Children Centres and other activities	<u>230,833</u>	<u>964,059</u>	<u>1,194,892</u>
<b>NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE)</b>	38,413	(37,018)	1,395
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>213</u>	<u>(213)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	38,626	(37,231)	1,395
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>521,358</u>	<u>181,915</u>	<u>703,273</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>559,984</u></u>	<u><u>144,684</u></u>	<u><u>704,668</u></u>

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**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computer & phone equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023	31,071	45,199	76,270
Disposals	<u>(31,071)</u>	<u>(38,676)</u>	<u>(69,747)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>6,523</u>	<u>6,523</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	31,071	45,199	76,270
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(31,071)</u>	<u>(38,676)</u>	<u>(69,747)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>6,523</u>	<u>6,523</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	2,057	8,570
Other debtors	808	870
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>232</u>	<u>2,553</u>
	<u>3,097</u>	<u>11,993</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	8,321	18,388
Social security and other taxes	12,170	10,982
Other creditors	8,822	2,048
Accrued expenses	<u>13,745</u>	<u>11,454</u>
	<u>43,058</u>	<u>42,872</u>

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**16. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	-	8,238
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,238</u>

**17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Current assets	617,278	112,495	729,773	747,540
Current liabilities	<u>(3,895)</u>	<u>(39,163)</u>	<u>(43,058)</u>	<u>(42,872)</u>
	<u>613,383</u>	<u>73,332</u>	<u>686,715</u>	<u>704,668</u>

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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.04.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.03.24
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	376,244	43,222	54,281	473,747
RISE Pre-School @ Spring	12,312	5,760	(18,072)	-
RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks	-	41,209	(36,209)	5,000
Investment Fund	149,459	(38,986)	-	110,473
Schools Fund	13,465	2,168	-	15,633
Youth Work Mentoring	8,504	26	-	8,530
	<u>559,984</u>	<u>53,399</u>	-	<u>613,383</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
The RISE Children's Centre's	61,489	(58,524)	-	2,965
Families Together - Child Contact Centre	4,845	(315)	-	4,530
Project fund	38,849	(30,385)	-	8,464
Youth Work	39,501	17,872	-	57,373
	<u>144,684</u>	<u>(71,352)</u>	-	<u>73,332</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>704,668</u></u>	<u><u>(17,953)</u></u>	-	<u><u>686,715</u></u>

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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	39,550	3,672	43,222
RISE Pre-School @ Spring	36,565	(30,805)	5,760
RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks	137,296	(96,087)	41,209
Investment Fund	-	(38,986)	(38,986)
Schools Fund	13,514	(11,346)	2,168
Youth Work Mentoring	13,640	(13,614)	26
	<u>240,565</u>	<u>(187,166)</u>	<u>53,399</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
The RISE Children's Centre's	749,133	(807,657)	(58,524)
Families Together - Child Contact Centre	3,839	(4,154)	(315)
Project fund	50,177	(80,562)	(30,385)
Youth Work	149,129	(131,257)	17,872
	<u>952,278</u>	<u>(1,023,630)</u>	<u>(71,352)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,192,843</u>	<u>(1,210,796)</u>	<u>(17,953)</u>

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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 01.04.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.03.23
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	332,833	43,411	-	376,244
RISE Pre-School @ Spring	-	12,312	-	12,312
RISE Pre-School @ Little Saints	-	(1,029)	1,029	-
RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks	-	20,760	(20,760)	-
Investment Fund	161,993	(36,978)	24,444	149,459
Schools Fund	12,429	1,036	-	13,465
Wraparound Care	4,500	-	(4,500)	-
Youth Work Mentoring	9,603	(1,099)	-	8,504
	521,358	38,413	213	559,984
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
The RISE Children's Centre's	99,235	(37,746)	-	61,489
Families Together - Child Contact Centre	2,810	(417)	2,452	4,845
Project fund	44,127	(3,017)	(2,261)	38,849
Wraparound Care	404	-	(404)	-
Youth Work	35,339	4,162	-	39,501
	181,915	(37,018)	(213)	144,684
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>703,273</u>	<u>1,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704,668</u>



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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	39,794	3,617	43,411
RISE Pre-School @ Spring	80,053	(67,741)	12,312
RISE Pre-School @ Little Saints	16,789	(17,818)	(1,029)
RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks	107,680	(86,920)	20,760
Investment Fund	-	(36,978)	(36,978)
Schools Fund	12,402	(11,366)	1,036
Youth Work Mentoring	12,528	(13,627)	(1,099)
	<u>269,246</u>	<u>(230,833)</u>	<u>38,413</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
The RISE Children's Centre's	758,990	(796,736)	(37,746)
Families Together - Child Contact Centre	3,540	(3,957)	(417)
Project fund	50,999	(54,016)	(3,017)
Youth Work	113,512	(109,350)	4,162
	<u>927,041</u>	<u>(964,059)</u>	<u>(37,018)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,196,287</u></u>	<u><u>(1,194,892)</u></u>	<u><u>1,395</u></u>

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Restricted Funds**

The RISE Children's Centre

This fund is for the income and expenditure in respect of our contract with Wiltshire Council to run Children's Centre Services in within Chippenham, Corsham, Malmesbury, Calne, Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett. Currently the services are provided within these communities and the Children's Centre buildings at Frogwell, and The Oaks in Chippenham as well Calne, and Royal Wootton Bassett.

Families Together - Child Contact Centre

This fund is for the provision of the Chippenham Contact Centre.

Project Fund

This fund represents miscellaneous restricted projects.

Youth Work

This fund represents grants to run Youth Clubs in the evenings and during the holidays, and covers all running costs including the Youth Worker salary.

**Designated Funds**

RISE Pre-School @ Spring

This fund is for the purpose of managing our pre-school provision based at Frogwell.

RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks

This fund is for the purpose of managing our pre-school provision based at The Oaks.

Investment Fund

This fund is held specifically for the development of all our RISE Pre-Schools and the potential expansion of our Early Years service, along with our Child Contact Centre Service, Youth Mentoring, Family Visiting Service, Mentor-Me Project and exploring using this for match funding bids that support the above.

Schools Fund

This fund is to provide Parent Support Advisors and Forest Schools Services at local primary schools.

Youth Work

This fund is for our Youth Work Mentoring and Support Service within local secondary schools.

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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Transfers between funds**

The following transfers took place during the year:

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
RISE Pre-School @ The Oaks	General Fund	£36,209	Surplus transfer
RISE Pre-School @ Spring	General Fund	£18,072	Surplus transfer

**19. PENSION COMMITMENTS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The costs for the period was £31,906 (2023: £32,495). Contributions totalling £6,495 (2023: £nil) were outstanding at the balance sheet date.

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Donations from trustees totalled £80 (2023: £240).

There were no other related party transactions during the year nor the prior year.

**21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Net income/expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	(17,953)	1,395
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Interest received	(11,147)	(3,344)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	8,896	(3,232)
Decrease in creditors	<u>186</u>	<u>(8,224)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>(20,018)</u>	<u>(13,405)</u>

**22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 01.04.23	Cash flow	At 31.03.24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>735,547</u>	<u>(8,871)</u>	<u>726,676</u>
	<u>735,547</u>	<u>(8,871)</u>	<u>726,676</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>735,547</u>	<u>(8,871)</u>	<u>726,676</u>