Company number 7968806

Charity number 1148263

Fernheath Play
Report and Accounts
31 March 2015

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### Fernheath Play **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

Mrs P S Williamson Mr E J Taylor Mrs J Clarke Mr H J Zahl Mr P W Griffiths

#### Independent examiner

Sue Wintle FMAAT Oak Accounting Ltd Accountants and Independent Examiners 27 Bascott Road Wallisdown Bournemouth Dorset

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds TSB plc High Street Poole Dorset

#### **Registered Address**

Fernheath Play Verney Road West Howe Bournemouth Dorset **BH11 8DA** 

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**Directors' report** 

(Directors are referred to as trustees throughout this document as they are both directors of the company and trustees of the charity)

The report of the trustees for the period ended 31 March 2015

# The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the period ended 31st March 2015

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the accounting period and the position at 31st March 2015 and consider that the charity is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligation.

Originally this charity was Fernheath Play Association, formed 19 February 1976. It is now a charitable company, limited by guarantee, with all assets transferred between the two.

The full name of the charity is Fernheath Play.

Date of formation of Fernheath Play Association: 19 February1976

Renamed: "Fernheath Play 28th February 2012

Principal office: Fernheath Play, Verney Road, West Howe, Bournemouth, BH11 8DA

Charity registration number: 1148263

#### Objectives and Activities of the Charity

# A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

The objects of the Charity are to provide or to assist in the provision of recreational facilities for children and young people living in Bournemouth, Dorset and the surrounding area, who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, health, disability or social or economic circumstances, with a view to improving their condition of life by:

- a) Providing a safe, supervised place for unstructured, imaginative play as well as creative educational and physical activities
- b) Helping children to advance in life by developing their skills and capabilities and capacities to enable them to participate more fully in society, as independent, responsible and compassionate individuals
- c) Advancing their learning

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit and the charity continues to provide public benefit through its work not just for the children involved but also for their families and for the community as a whole.

In furtherance of the objects of the association and without prejudice to the generality thereof, the committee may:-

- a) provide, maintain and equip a playground or playgrounds affording opportunities for adventure and enterprise;
- b) assist the provision, maintenance and equipment of such playground(s) as aforesaid, and raise money for these purposes;
- c) employ staff to assist in managing the play areas established;
- d) make and maintain contact with and enlist general support from other persons and organisations who are interested in the design, establishment ,development or management of playgrounds

#### **Public Benefit**

Fernheath Adventure Playground and play centre not only provides a safe supervised place to play, for children of school age during out of school hours all year round, but also it provides a refuge for some children whose parents abuse drugs and alcohol and who live in an environment where domestic violence prevalent.

By offering a wide range of indoor and outdoor games, sports, handicrafts, outings, and healthy activities, Fernheath is not only helping children's social development, and combating a tendency to obesity, but also offering a positive alternative to juvenile crime, vandalism and anti social behaviour

By accepting children with a wide range of specialist needs and disabilities, at all our play sessions, we are offering them not only an opportunity for integrated play and inclusion, but also some respite for parents from 24/7 caring Fernheath also welcomes children and group visits from special schools during term time.

As most play sessions are free, after initial registration, economically disadvantaged children can still attend and working parents can benefit from our very low cost all day care.

Because we offer a refuge for children who are often at risk at home and in need of protection, we are saving the local authority the cost of putting many children into care at enormous expense.

Children who attend frequently are much less likely to be involved in juvenile crime, delinquency and arson again saving on the cost of this to tax payers

Fernheath has provided training and work experience, apprenticeships, opportunities for

volunteering and employment for 3 full time and 12 part time staff.

There is an initial annual registration fee of £15 but no admission charge for children as we do not want to exclude any through their poverty; the children who need our service most, in families which are under extreme stress for a variety of reasons, are the very ones who could not afford to pay anything; in our agreement with the Big Lottery, when we accepted their grant of £150,000 for the new building, we promised to provide over 350 free play sessions p.a.

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The Charity's grant making policies

Generally the Charity makes no grants.

## A review of the charitable activities undertaken by the Charity

In spite of reduced income, due to the support from Bournemouth borough council tapering off, and the resulting loss of some staff, we succeeded ,thanks to help from The Valentine Trust, Allce Ellen Dean Cooper trust , Bournemouth Rotary and other benefactors ,in maintaining a low cost reduced service for the children (providing daily After School clubs, weekend and holiday playschemes, All Day care and shortbreaks for disabled children up until the end February 2015.

The difficulty of recruiting level 3 Playworkers locally (as required by OFSTED), plus the drop in our income led us (for the first time in over 39 years) to reluctantly suspend all our playwork from March 1st until now.

However whilst closed for the childrens sessions, we have been upgrading our indoor and outdoor provision and working on a programme of improvements to benefit the children. The regrettable absence of children has actually facilitated repair and maintenance work eg the painting and decorating of the main hall ,lobby and toilets.; the steam cleaning of the kitchen; the painting of fencing and outdoor equipment.

The local Councillors Improvement fund paid for minor repairs and replacements; Hall and Woodhouse helped us again with the cost of new bark chip safety surface under the aerial runway; new computers have been installed and networked thanks to a grant from Sovereign Housing Association; Bournemouth Churches Housing Association provided 2 teams of young people doing National Citizen ship Service who revamped the raised sandpit, painted fences and structures, cut grass, cleared ground for the Sensory garden and laid the new safety surface.

A substantial donation from McCarthy & Stone plus the promise of some match funding from the Baily Thomas fund helped us to recruit a new Project manager will help us to recruit a new project manager who will start work in September and will be recruiting playworkers in order to reopen again as soon as funds permit.

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Benefactors

We greatly appreciate:- The Service Level Agreements with Bournemouth and Dorset Councils which helped us to fund the shortbreaks (I Can Play and Take a Break) inclusive play sessions until the end of February 2015, and Poole council who funded the Special Times sessions which we ran at Branksome Childrens Centre.

The invaluable help and advice from Steve Place of BCVS; Martha Searle of Bournemouth council; Kate Brooks solicitor (Ellis Jones); Phil D'eath (retired manager Sure Start centre).

The hard work and enthusiasm of the NCS team of young people from BCHA led by Dom Weir. The volunteers who painted interior of the playcentre, and the firm who did electrical and plumbing jobs at low cost. The 21st Bournemouth scouts and other volunteers who did bag packing at Asda. Asda and Waitrose for including us in their charity token collections. Tescos (Kinson) and B&Q (Poole) for their help with refreshments and materials for the NCS team. Table top Treasures, Boscombe Market, Cherry Tree Nursery and North Bournemouth Rotary for allowing us to run stalls at their events free of charge. Local shop keepers who hold collection boxes for us.

We are indebted also to these for substantial donations and fund raising:- McCarthy and Stone, The Ark (Delisles), Hall & Woodhouse, JP Morgan, Sovereign Housing, Mower Madness, Ferndown Forest Golf Club, Barton Methodist, Quintet Churches, Christ the King church, Alice Ellen Cooper Dean charitable trust, Valentine charitable trust, Bournemouth Rotary Club, Council Local Improvement fund (Ben Grower and Beryl Baxter), Karen Wells Entertainers, David Davis (marathon runner) his sponsors and other individuals:- Miss Jordan, Miss Wells, Mr T Norris, Mr T Atkinson; all parents and friend of Fernheath; Conor Burns MP our patron for his time and support; all our trustees and committee for their continued support and help; and of course Acting manager Paul Webster who has "held the fort" all year.

#### Challenges and future plans

Although last year we looked at other models and considered the possibility of mergers, or coming under the umbrella of a proposed new local charity, this idea was shelved as it did not seem feasible financially, or desirable at present, due to our lack of core funding and no trustees being available to serve on a new committee.

We are continually working on ways to widen our network of supporters and funders and diversify our funding streams. A marketting graduate has proposed various ideas and is offering free help with this; her initiatives, eg greater use of social media, should raise our profile and help to generate more unrestricted funds for revenue costs; this is always a challenge as we are competing with some very large and well known local charities who have paid fundraisers who continually promote their work. We are continuing to seek corporate sponsorship and have an offer of some matched funding from the Baily Thomas Charitable trust. We are also still seeking more trustees with relevant skills.

Recent offers of voluntary help from people with expertise in working with disadvantaged and challenging children will supplement the new staff we recruit; our appointment of a new experienced project manager from 1st September 2015 encourages us to gradually restart, maintain and delvelop the playwork which has made such a crucial difference to so many families under stress in West Howe and other parts of the conurbation for nearly 40 years.....

Fernheath Play Independent Examiner's ' report to the trustees of Fernheath Play

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2015, which are set out on pages 11 to 19.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The trustees

are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under s144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity

Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

## Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions . given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with s 386 of the 2006 Companies act and to prepare accounts that accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and with the methods and principles of

The Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sue Wintle FMAAT
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7 September 2015

## Fernheath Play Income and expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Income		102,574	145,466
Direct costs		(145,380)	(204,668)
Surplus	78	(42,806)	(59,202)
Governance costs		(488)	(473)
Operating deficit	3*	(43,294)	(59,675)
Interest receivable		31	44
Deficit on ordinary activities before taxation		(43,263)	(59,631)
Tax on deficit on ordinary activities		5	21
Deficit for the financial year	170	(43,263)	(59,631)

### Accounting policies

## Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities effective April 2008, and all other applicable accounting standards as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting 2005 issued by the Charity Commission

#### Income

This represents the total value of all donated income from service agreements and any other income receivable by the charity. This is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Legacies are accounted for only once there is both the certainty of receipt and the ability to provide an accurate valuation

#### Deferred income

Grants received in advance and specified by the donor to relate to specific accounting periods or which are subject to conditions which are still to be met and which are outside the control of the charity are deferred on an accruals basis to the period to which they relate.

## Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles. The allocation and apportionment of costs between different activity categories show all direct costs allocated to the relevant activity and support and governance costs are all allocated to the main activity of the charity

## Fixed assets and depreciation

Equipment is not capitalised but has been written off as purchased. Often this is bought using grant funds which are accounted as income when received.

Land and buildings have been capitalised at cost to the charity and are being depreciated over the period of the 20 year lease granted on the land by Bournemouth Borough Council The annexe was built with the assistance of the Big Lottery Fund, when a grant was made in 2005 for £150,000. There is now a legal charge over the property for this sum.

2015	2014
Land and buildings £	Total £
210,014 210,014	210,014 210,014
24,676 16,451 41,127	8,225 16,451 24,676
168,887 185,338	185,338
	210,014 210,014 210,014 24,676 16,451 41,127

3	Debtors	2015 £	2014 £
	Other debtors	4,923	4,890
4	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015 £	2014 £
	Other creditors	488	1,482

#### 5 Deferred income and grants in advance

These are grants and donations specified by the donors as relating to periods after the accounting year end. They are included in creditors so that the income is included in the appropriate year .

6	Restricted funds	2015 £
	At 1 April 2014 Deficit for the period	196,769 (7,046)
	At 31 March 2015	189,723
7	Designated Funds	2,015 £
	At 1 April 2014 Transfer to general fund	80,000 (36,000)
	At 31 March 2015	44,000
8	Unrestricted funds	2015 £
	At 1 April 2014 Deficit for the period Transfer from designated fund At 31 March 2015	218 (36,218) 36,000

#### 9 Contingent liabilities

There are no known contingent liabilities

#### 10 Trustees

Aggregate amount of expenses paid to trustees was £317, (previous year £96)

The nature of the expenses was reimbursement of expenses and the number of trustees to whom expenses payments were made was 1 (2014 1)

11	Funds		Movement	2015
	Restricted Funds	3		2
	Fixed asset fund	185,338	(16,451)	168,887
	Wages and running costs	19.0	17,000	17,000
	l Can		,	,
	Take a break	3-	14	20
	Maintenance fund	2,000	(1,714)	286
	Staff training fund	2,431	(2,431)	1/22
	Nursery age children fund	7,000	(7,000)	1/20
	Staff uniforms		180	180
	Safety surface	14	1,500	1,500
	Computer equipment		1,870	1,870
		196,769	(7.046)	189,723
	Unrestricted funds	12.00		
	General funds	218	(217)	1
	Designated funds	80.000	(36,000)	44,000
		276,987	(43,263)	233,724

#### 11 Fund Movement summary

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		Incoming resources	Outgoing resources Costs	Fund transfers	Movement in Funds
	Restricted Funds :				
	Fixed asset fund		16,451		(16,451)
	Wages and running costs	25,000	8,000		17,000
	l can	25,367	25,367		8
	Take a break	15,407	15,407		
	Maintenance fund	286	2,000		(1,714)
	Staff training fund	-	2,431		(2,431)
	Nursery age children fund	(7,000)	20		(7,000)
	Staff uniforms	500	320		180
	Safety surface	1,500	- To		1,500
	Computer equipment	2,530	660		1,870
	Unrestricted funds	63,590	70,636	1991	(7.046)
	General funds	39,015	75,232	36000	(217)
	Designated funds			-36000	(36,000)
		102,605	145,868	4	(43,263)

12	Analysis of assets by fund	Unrestricted	Restricted	2015 £
	Tangible fixed assets Investments		168,887	168,887
	Current assets Current liabilities	45,371 (1,371)	20,836	66,207 (1,371)
		44,000	189,723	233,723
13	Voluntary income Grants Major grants received			2015
	Local and government authorities Bournemouth Borough Council Dorset County Council Poole Borough Council	es		22,820 15,070 4,000 41,890
	Other Organisations McCarthy & Stone Valentine Trust Bournemouth Rotary Club Sovereign Hall & Woodhouse			12,000 8,000 3,000 2,530 1,500 27,030
	Individuals and smaller grants Total			15,291
14	Detailed Income			2015 £
	Voluntary income Grants, legacies and donations Members subscriptions			82,784 1,427 <u>84,211</u>
	Investment income Bank deposit interest Activities for generating funds Charitable activities Rent receivable			31 1,557 16,068 738 102,605
	Total Incoming resources			102,003

15 Detailed expenditure	2015 £
On the set of the set	£
Costs of generating voluntary income	
Fundraising costs	01
	<u>21</u> 21
Fundraising trading	<u> </u>
Goods purchased for resale	2,852
	2,852
Charitable activities	2,002
Gross wages and salaries	107,864
Mini bus expenses	1,637
Charitable activities	99
Marketing of services	216
Depreciation of assets used for charitable purposes	16,451
General equipment	1,640
Employee costs -training	2,529
-travel and subsistence	23
-staff uniforms	320
Premises costs-Insurance	1,875
Light, heat, water and refuge	1,414
Cleaning	385
Repairs and renewals	1,394
Support costs	
Telephone and internet	656
Stationery, printing and postage	91
Subscriptions	258
Equipment expenses	157
Bank charges	306
Write off of Old Fernheath debt	4,778
Sundry expenses	415
Governance costs	142,508
Independent examination Accountancy fees	238
Accountancy lees	250
	488
Total outgoing resources	145,869