



Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020

Introduction from Rachel and Christopher

Rachel and her son, Christopher have been supported by Me2 Club since 2013. Christopher attends a weekly scout group with his volunteer Tom who helps to break down instructions for Christopher, supports him to take part by encouraging him to try new activities and most importantly build relationships with others in his scout group. Christopher has also taken part in Me2 Club's Days and Weekends Away as well as joining our monthly Me2 Club Crew project.

"Since joining Me2 Club Christopher has had several volunteers who have helped him at Beavers, Cubs and, most recently, Scouts. His autism and learning difficulties make it difficult for him to join in with group activities and he needs a lot of support and encouragement. All of his volunteers have been very special and given Christopher confidence to be part of the group and, most importantly, to try and have a go at things he didn't think he could do.

Over the years Christopher's needs have changed and we have seen him grow in confidence. When he first started at Beavers just the noise and bustle of the group was overwhelming for him and his Me2 Club volunteer would often take him to a quiet corner to play and calm down before joining in again. He also relied heavily on them helping him to communicate with other children. Now that he is 14 he feels much more part of the Scout group. His volunteer, Tom, has still been there to encourage and help explain the rules of the games or instructions for the activities.

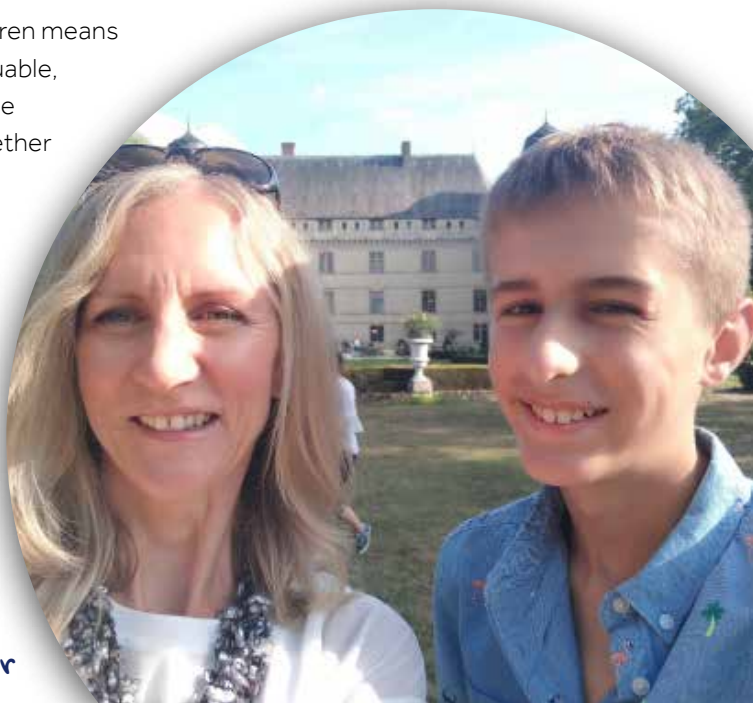
Christopher has also been on several of Me2 Club's Days and Weekends Away. He's tried archery, caving, climbing and had fun on zip wires and trikes. Many of these activities would be too difficult for him physically, but with the support from Me2 Club staff, volunteers and the activity centre instructors he has been able to experience them. Staying away from home on these trips has helped prepare him for school residential trips and is helping him to develop life skills and encourage him to be more independent.

It is absolutely true that without his Me2 Club family Christopher would have missed out on many of these activities. Before he was matched with a volunteer he would have needed me or his dad to stay with him, but having a volunteer means he gains independence – and we have some much-needed breathing space.

One of the best things to have come out of being part of the Me2 Club is friendship. Not attending a local school makes it difficult to make friends who live nearby, but now he has some good local friends – and we do, too."

Rachel and Christopher are one of over a hundred families that Me2 Club supports every year to tackle the impact of social isolation and exclusion. Our unique service enables children with additional needs and disabilities to be included, build friendships and most importantly to have fun by taking part in play and mainstream leisure activities including uniformed groups, sports clubs, and drama groups. The children we support grow in confidence, independence, have improved self-esteem and learn crucial skills for life.

Our support for children means that families gain valuable, weekly respite and the chance to come together throughout the year with other parents, carers and siblings to be able to share their own experiences with each other.



Rachel & Christopher

Last year was a significant year for Me2 Club, as we began offering children in Reading the opportunity to be supported by one of our many committed and passionate volunteers at a weekly activity. This year we will continue our managed growth to support more children and families than ever before, ensuring inclusion for all.

85% of children
matched and
supported by a
volunteer

117 requests to
support children,
an increase by 10%
from 2018/19



69% of children
made progress
in at least one
outcome area

149 Volunteers
gave 9,387
volunteer hours

63 new volunteers
recruited, trained
and matched

Supporting Children and Families

- 85% of children supported to improve their confidence and self-esteem**
- 74% of children supported to increase their independence**
- 85% of children supported to build skills for life**
- 86% of children supported to improve the quality of their relationships**
- 4 children gained enough independence to attend activities without their volunteer
- 95% of family members reported feeling better emotionally and practically supported

"One of the most wonderful things about Me2 Club is its basic concept - to get children with disabilities out into mainstream activities. I think that for all the children and adults who have spent time with Sam* at Scouts, they have a better understanding about disability and that people with disabilities do not have to be feared and have a great deal to offer."

Me2 Club Parent

For the children we work with, joining in and taking part can be difficult without help but with a volunteer to support them manage social situations, complex emotions and physical needs they can be included. Our mission is to ensure inclusion for all children with additional needs and disabilities by providing high quality and caring volunteers to attend weekly mainstream activities with them. Our support grows confidence, increases independence, improves the quality of relationships, and provides specialist capacity to activity leaders, enabling their groups to be more inclusive.

Stress and tension are part of our families' daily lives as they try to balance the needs of their child with work, self-care and the needs of other siblings. A regular weekly activity and our Days and Weekends Away give much needed respite to the whole family.

"As a family we rely on Me2 Club for her social development, fun, adventure and our respite."

Me2 Club Parent

"This year James* decided that he was ready to attend Scouts independently without a volunteer. We initially supported him at Beavers in 2013 and he's had volunteers support him as he's moved up to Cubs and Scouts. James has also attended many of our Days and Weekends Away and it's been great to see that his confidence has grown more and more throughout his time at Me2 Club."

Me2 Club
Staff



100% of
parents
asked said
that:

Their child's
confidence, self-
esteem and
independence had
increased



Our support had a
positive effect on
them and other
family members



"I have been able to spend
time with his younger sister
safe in the knowledge that
he will be looked after by his
volunteer and on day trips. Staff
and volunteers have a very
compassionate and person centred
approach and we always feel
supported and relaxed attending
family events."

Me2 Club
Parent

Family Fun Events

Me2 Club family events provide a 'safe haven' for children and their families to relax and socialise in an environment where their children are supported and understood. They offer an opportunity to socialise with other children and families in a similar position. It is also a chance to stay in touch with staff, trustees and meet selected funders, whilst doing fun activities.

16 Families
attended
our Easter
Party

30 Families
attended
our Summer
Party

34 Families
attended our
Christmas
Party

For our Summer Party we wanted to create something new and exciting for our families, an inclusive, safe, fun filled circus-themed day out. We hired a circus tent, an entertainer and sourced inclusive family games such as giant Jenga, Velcro bats/balls, crafts and face painting. The children and families loved being able to spend quality time with each other in a safe and relaxed environment.

Me2 Club
Parent

"The summer party was perfect for space for them to run around, it's great being there and having an understanding for your child"



Days and Weekends Away



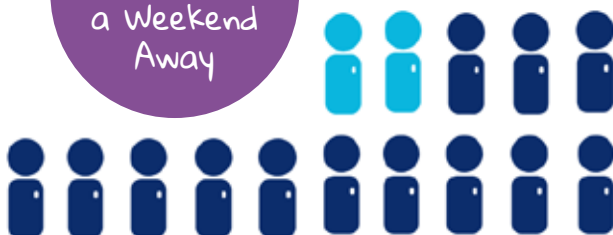
26 Children
attended a
Day Away

10 joined for
thier first
Day Away



2 joined for
thier first
Weekend
Away

15 Children
attended
a Weekend
Away



Our Days and Weekends Away are designed to give children and young people the opportunity to:

- Develop their independence
- Increase their confidence
- Spend time away with their peers and opportunities to socialise
- Learn and practice new skills
- Make decisions and plan what they want to do
- Strengthen trust with staff and their relationship with their volunteer

The careful planning and supportive nature of our 'Days Away' ensures that anxiety levels in our children and young people are kept at a minimum.

The project offers opportunities to boost self-esteem and builds trust, independence and confidence. Valuable life skills are learnt whilst having fun and making friends thereby reducing loneliness and isolation. For some children, a Day Away is their first step to being able to attend a whole Weekend Away.

Three overlapping circles of different colors (blue, green, and orange) containing testimonials. A small purple circle labeled 'Me2 Club Parents' is positioned between the blue and orange circles.

"I trust the Me2 Club 100%. We get a 'mental break' as well as a physical one because we can completely relax in the knowledge that she will be well supported."

Me2 Club
Parents

"Although our son had been on school residential trips, one of us had always had to go with him. When he went on his first school trip without us last year we all felt confident that he would cope because of his experience on the Me2 Club trips."

"They had a great time and really enjoyed it - Jasmine* has selected toys that remind her of the trip to buy with her pocket money and talked about learning more about animals. Neither of my children who went on the trip I had been brave enough to feed animals before."

Days Away

This year, our Days Away included trips to Berkshire College of Agriculture for a Zoo Keeper Experience, visiting Odds Farm Park and taking our teenagers to Southampton to visit attractions.

In April, we organised a bespoke Zoo Keeper Experience at Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) where our young people got the opportunity to handle and feed a variety of animals including lizards, snakes and monkeys. They then visited the BCA farm where they learned how to care for the farm animals including feeding chickens, cleaning goat pens and taking the goats on a walk! For some of the young people who attended it was the first time they had the confidence to feed an animal.



Weekends Away

We ran two residential trips taking away 15 children and young people. For two children this was their first experience of a night away from home. Due to COVID-19 the final Weekend Away for this year, which was planned for March 2020, needed to be postponed.

This year siblings Sasha* and Jacob* had their first night away from home with Me2 Club on a Weekend Away. They initially came on a Day Away to Odds Farm Park which gave them both a chance to get to know staff and their volunteers better. This then helped them to feel more confident to spend a night away from their parents. They were both a little anxious to begin with, but really enjoyed the trip. Their mum told us: "My husband and I were able to go out for a pizza at a good pizzeria rather than just Pizza Hut. To be able to go out where we wanted and to be able to relax and not be on a child timescale was amazing. It really helped us realise that we are Amy* and Jack* rather than just parents."

The Me2 Club Crew

In March 2019, Me2 Club piloted 'The Me2 Club Crew', a mobile youth club for teenagers aged 13-19 with additional needs and disabilities. This project was developed directly in response to feedback from our beneficiaries and due to a lack of mainstream activities for teenagers. The pilot received great feedback and 'The Me2 Club Crew' has since developed into monthly meet ups.

The project's main outcomes include:

- Addressing youth loneliness and isolation
- Promoting lifelong learning opportunities including life skills
- Increasing independence and confidence
- Improving health and well being
- Developing relationships with peers

The project is owned by our teenagers and they are involved in planning a variety of activities out in the local community including bowling and meals out at restaurants. Since the pilot of the project 100% of the teenagers we work with have attended at least 1 meet up.

Me2 Club
Parent

"We're very pleased that Me2 Club are running a teenager project. There are fewer activities available for teenagers and some of the deficits in their life skills become more apparent. The Me2 Club Crew is a brilliant way for them to meet up and socialise with each other and practise some of the social skills like ordering food, buying tickets on public transport etc."



In February we held a pancake making evening. Everyone walked to the shop and in pairs the teenagers were responsible for choosing which toppings they wanted and buying their ingredients. The group followed a recipe to make the pancakes, set the table, had a meal together and cleared away after. This session supported them in developing a range of life skills, including cooking, cleaning, managing money, making choices and teamwork.



Me2 Club Teenager

"I like Me2 Club meet ups because I can see my friends. We do impressions of the announcements when we are on the train. The helpers are great I always beat them at bowling."

Due to COVID-19 we made the decision to cancel our March Me2 Club Crew, in line with government guidance. This session was replaced with an online Me2 Club Crew, where we used videocall to facilitate a game of Bingo with our Me2 Club teenagers.



Supporting Reading Children and Families

In June 2019 we began our ambitious plan to help more children and families by offering our service in Reading. We began a phased expansion and by March 2020 were able to offer support to children across the whole of Reading. We have received 22 referrals for children in Reading.

We have developed positive relationships with other organisations in the area including Brighter Futures for Children, Reading Families Forum and Reading Family Information Service. Me2 Club is now included in Reading Borough Council's Local Offer. We have met with a number of councillors and MPs to spread the word about the work we do in the local community. We have started to build relationships with more Reading schools, to help us connect with families who will benefit from our service.

"Reading Families Forum are thrilled that Me2 Club are going to begin supporting Reading families. Our families have been asking for support to help their children with additional needs to access mainstream clubs for some time. Me2 Club have an excellent reputation and we know that they will make a big difference to children and young people in Reading."

Ramona Bridgman,
Chair of Reading
Families Forum



Volunteer Recruitment and Training



Me2 Club recruits volunteers aged 16 and over through volunteer fairs, school and university assembly talks, social media, corporate University Trainee schemes, community events and local papers. Our volunteers must complete our comprehensive induction training programme and undertake reference checks, DBS checks and an interview. Our aim is to understand the motivation, skills and interests of each of our volunteers, so we can achieve the perfect 'match' between the Me2 Club child and the volunteer.

Volunteers benefit by gaining an understanding of additional needs, different ways of communicating and how to support challenging behaviour as well as the pleasure of knowing that they are making a real difference to a child's life. Many of our volunteers have found that the training and experience of working with Me2 Club supports their university and job applications.

Results of the exit survey show that 95% (n23) included their volunteer experience on University applications and 100% (n24) rated their volunteer experience as good or excellent.



"Me2 Club is one of the best things I've done. My experience has honestly been life changing and encouraged me to keep volunteering and working with children with additional needs. I'm so privileged to have had the opportunity to work with such amazing staff, meet caring parents who take an interest in you beyond your volunteer role, and help a really special young person to take part in the activity that they love."

Me2 Club
Volunteer



Growth and Development

On 23rd March 2020, the UK government announced a national lockdown in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This lockdown was one of several measures taken to disrupt the rate of infection of the disease. Non-essential businesses have since closed and other organisations have adopted new ways to deliver services.

Me2 Club responded by moving service provision online for young people and families to access help and support digitally. This has involved delivering a variety of online activity sessions and the creation of physical activity packs to be sent to children.

Our online activities started in March 2020 and have continued into 2020/21. Between March and August:



27
Children

72 Children,
Teenagers
and Volunteers
attended our
activities 261
times

13
Teenagers

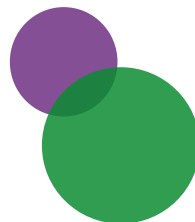
9
Siblings

13
Volunteers

The focus for 2020/21 will be to bolster the resilience of the organisation to be able to continue delivering support to children and young people affected by COVID-19 through digital provision as well as ensuring we are able to continue supporting volunteers to safely attend activities with their child. We will maintain capacity to be able to respond quickly should the impact of COVID-19 mean that we have to rapidly transform how our support is delivered.

We will also improve our monitoring and evaluation processes, building on the insightful data that has been produced since introducing our outcome tool in April 2019. This will help us better measure the difference that we make for children and families and plan for how to further grow our impact.

To help us design and develop services which remain responsive to the needs of our beneficiaries, we will continue to work with children and families to consult, engage and coproduce with them.



Fundraising and Finance

Me2 Club has had another successful year in which we raised £203,896 which represents a one percent growth on 2018/19.

On average, we generate £14 for every £1 invested in fundraising or 70 pence of every £10 goes to raising the next £10 and £9.30 is spent delivering the work of the charity.

Our total expenditure showed an increase of 11 percent on 2018/19. This increase can be attributed to our growth and expansion in to Reading.

We are grateful to the growing number of supporters including regional and local Trusts and Foundations, Corporate Partners and individuals that have supported the charity this year.

This support is essential in allowing us to continue our work, developing, growing and most importantly enabling children and young people with additional needs to take part.

The many restricted grants and trust funders that support Me2 Club are acknowledged on pages 36/37. Unrestricted grant funders include Barbara Ward Children's Foundation, The Haines Hill Charitable Trust and The Stevenson Family's Charitable Trust.

We are always excited to discuss innovative, impactful and fun opportunities to work with individuals, communities and corporate supporters. If you have an idea, we'd love to talk to you about it.



me2 Club Thank you to all of our incredible supporters....





Me2 Club would like to thank all our supporters, both financial and in kind.

Our Trust and Foundation supporters are included on pages 36/37.

Corporate Partners:

Aquarius Water Solutions
Ascot Racecourse
Asda
Boyes Turner Solicitors
Clifton Ingram Solicitors
COEO
Co-op
Ella's Kitchen
Ellis Knight Recruitment
Enterprise Holdings
Harrison Clark Rickerbys
Solicitors
Herrington Carmichael
Solicitors
Hicks Development Ltd
Huntswood
KJS Solicitors
L & G Homes
Magal AWT
Magal Engineering
OpenText
Premier Research
SAGE
SC Johnson
Time Financial Ltd
UnaVida Life Planning
Waitrose
Woodley Storage King

Town and Parish Councils:

Earley Town Council
Finchampstead Parish
Council
Sonning Parish Council
Winnersh Parish Council
Wokingham Without
Parish Council
Woodley Town Council

Patron

Hugo Vickers DL

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Lori Day
Lucy Morris
Simon Crawford
Theresa Gallagher
Sarah Hilling
Sue Woodcock
Bernadette Ferne
Jana Tarvin
Bev Mitchell
Tracey McCreddie

Community Supporters and Fundraisers:

Be Wright Fit
Berkshire Scouts
Bracknell Forest Lions
Charities Aid
Foundation
Easthampstead Rotary
Club
Elite Conditioning
Emmbrook School
IVORIES
Queen Anne's School
Riseley Village Tea
Room
Rotary Club of Reading
Maiden Erlegh
Rotary Club of
Wokingham
Sporting Bears Motor
Club
The Wokingham Lodge
School Awards Scheme

Twyford and District
Round Table

Twyford Scouts
Winnersh Scouting
Group
Wokingham May Fayre
Wokingham Walk
Wokingham Scouts
Wokingham Winter
Carnival
Woodley and Earley
Arts Group
Woodley Newsagents

Individual Supporters:

Amy Howard
Tom Scott and Vincent
Miles
Catherine and Aimee
Vickery
Harry Breedon
Patrick Denston
Lou Fishlock
Vicky Fisher
Jess Haycock
Pedro Silva
Kevin McDaniel
Will Bevis
Ros Forrester
Dijana White
Adam Gater
Katie Harrison



.....and the many others who have gifted a donation or their time to Me2 Club.



8th Get Berkshire Active Awards

Me2 Club were delighted to be awarded the Youth Engagement Project of the Year for our work in 'inspiring young people to get more involved in sport, physical activity or healthy living' by Get Berkshire Active.

On the night we were kindly hosted by Field Seymour Parkes Solicitors who enjoyed finding out more about our ambitions for the future and were "so proud that Me2 Club's hard work is getting recognised."

"A huge pleasure to hand the award to Me2 Club and thank you for all you do for youngsters."

Mike Diaper, Director, Sport England

Corporate Coffee Morning

Our Business Coffee Morning proved to be an excellent opportunity to showcase the work Me2 Club. Representatives from corporates heard how working with our trained volunteers, we transform the lives of children with additional needs and disabilities and their families ensuring 'Inclusion for All'.

This was followed by some of our amazing parents who spoke passionately about the difference Me2 Club means to them and all their family.



"Small charities like these are the real diamonds in our society."

Ruo Wu, Solicitor, Field Seymour Parkes Solicitors

Ascot Racecourse and Berkshire Community Foundation

In September, Ascot hosted the Berkshire Community Foundation (BCF) and Me2 Club's inaugural cheese and wine evening, co-sponsored by Beaufort Financial and KJ Smith Solicitors.

The event celebrated the Ascot Racecourse Fund, managed by BCF, which supports local causes that strengthen communities, tackle disadvantage and transform lives including the Me2 Club.

Guests were treated to wine tastings from Ascot's official wine merchants, Hallgarten & Novum Wines, alongside selected cheeses prepared by Ascot's catering team. Hugo Vickers DL, Patron of the Me2 Club also regaled the group with his interesting stories.

Me2 Club, updated distinguished guests on the work of the charity and Tom and Vincent, teenagers supported by Me2 Club, delighted everyone with their personal accounts of their adventures that were facilitated by the charity.

"The evening provided an opportunity to network and enjoy a fantastic selection of cheese and wine, but most importantly a chance for Me2 Club and BCF to showcase the vital work they are doing in our community. Thank you to all involved for putting on a very memorable evening."

Elliot Clark, Commercial Manager, KJ Smith Solicitors

Legal and Administrative Information

The organisation constituted itself as an unincorporated association on 17th March 2003 through the adoption of its constitution and registered as a Charity on 5th July 2004. The organisation transferred its activities to a Registered Charity and Company limited by guarantee (Me2 Club) and has worked under its new status since 1st April 2011. Me2 Club now has Charity Number 1140812 and Company Number 7557636.

Registered Address:

Parkside House, Unit 6, 15 Headley Road, Woodley, RG5 4JB

The following Directors (who are also Trustees) served during the year:

Bernadette Ferne, **Chair**, Resigned February 11th 2020

Loraine Day, **Vice Chair**

Simon Crawford, **Treasurer**

Sarah Hilling, **Secretary**, April - July 2019, continuing as Trustee

Theresa Gallagher, **Secretary**, Appointed July 7th 2019

Sue Woodcock, Elected December 9th 2020

Lucy Morris, Elected June 3rd 2019

Advisors to the Board:

Beverley Mitchell - Management Consultancy

Tracy McCreadie - HR

Jana Tarvin - Finance

Bankers:

HSBC Bank plc, 1-2 Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1AL

Newbury Building Society, Broad Street, Wokingham, RG5 3JJ

Independent Examiner:

Rachel Eden ACMA

Reserves and Designated Funds

Me2 Club's policy is to ensure reserves are maintained in line with the continuation of our core service:

- Services need to be withdrawn in a sensitive timeframe to ensure minimal impact
- For the health and wellbeing of the children and families we support and to allow for time to adjust to the loss of our services
- Projects such as Weekends Away are planned in advance entering into payment contracts
- Activity leaders need to make adjustments to ensure they can still accommodate the Me2 Club child
- To provide assurance to members of staff and to those with whom we undertake commitments of the reliability of Me2 Club as an employer and business partner respectively

The time period and level of reserve are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. Given the nature of the children Me2 Club support (additional needs including learning disabilities and autism), time and attention would be needed to allow for appropriate endings. A regular update of the Reserves Policy takes place to enable the setting of the correct contingency/reserve level.

In these circumstances and with these considerations in mind, the Trustees believe that it is vital to have a policy of careful cash management and to maintain an appropriate reserve level. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of between 6 months predicted fixed core service spend (£90,000 for 2020/2021 which reflects the increase in charity expenditure in line with the recent expansion in to Reading).

The Charity's financial options are discussed at every Board meeting and there is a contingency plan in place if cash flow falls below 9 months fixed spend. The Board of Trustees has voted to place £28,000 to Designated Funds for 2020/21 to support the continued expansion project. These designated funds are separate from our general reserves.

Investment Policy

Two bank accounts are used, one to cover day-to-day expenses and the other offering a higher rate of interest to maximise investment potential. In addition, Me2 Club continues to hold an account with The Newbury Building Society to ensure funds allocated to future work gain a higher rate of interest whilst remaining secure.

The investment of Me2 Club funds is regularly reviewed to ensure the security of funds whilst achieving the best available rate of interest.

Risk Review

The Directors have considered the main current risks to which the Charity is exposed, and a detailed organisation risk analysis has been carried out. An ongoing significant external risk is funding. A fundraising plan is in place to manage this risk.

Internal risks are minimised through the implementation of effective financial controls and

Trustee and Staff responsibilities. A Trustee induction process has been established to support this.

Safeguarding risks have been considered and Me2 Club works to best practice in all areas of safeguarding including training for Trustees, Staff and Volunteers. We have comprehensive Safeguarding Policies and Procedures in place, including policies on the use of Social Media. Me2 Club, adheres to best practice, has a comprehensive list of policies and procedures including, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Data Protection, Financial Rules, Risk, Confidentiality, Health and Safety.

Risk assessments are written and reviewed before each Me2 Club activity (Weekends Away, Days Away, Easter, Summer and Christmas Parties, Me2 Club Crew). Staff have been trained in completing dynamic risk assessments during the actual events, Trustees have updated and authorised the contingency plan.

Trustee Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Charity and Company Law require the Trustees, who are also the Directors of Me2 Club, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence must take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Lucy Morris

Chair/Director for and on behalf of the Trustees of Me2 Club

This report was approved by the Board on the 28th September 2020

Report of the Independent Examiner

Trustee Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Responsibilities and basis of Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2020.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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



Cllr Rachel Eden, ACMA

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Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Expenditure Account for Year End 31st March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2	62,730	139,834	202,565	197,323
Investment income	2	698	0	698	552
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2	0	0	0	3,500
Other incoming resources	2				
Total Incoming resources		63,428	139,834	203,262	201,375

Resources expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	3,357	11,663	15,020	12,286
Investment management costs	3	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3	19,720	146,766	166,486	149,966
Governance costs	3	0	1,479	1,479	1,398
Total resources expended		23,077	159,908	182,985	163,650

Net movement in funds		40,351	(20,073)	20,277	37,725
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Total funds brought forward	11	120,086	63,532	183,619	145,893
Total funds carried forward		160,437	43,458	203,896	183,619

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2020

		Unrestrict- ed funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		160,437	45,304	205,742	185,764
Debtors	9	-	-	-	-
Total current assets		160,437	45,304	205,742	185,764
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-	1,846	1,846	2,145
Net current assets		160,437	43,458	203,896	183,619
Net assets		160,437	43,458	203,896	183,619
Income funds					
Restricted funds			43,458	43,458	63,532
Designated Funds - Expansion Project		28,000		28,000	20,000
Designated Funds - Reserves		90,000		90,000	80,000
Unrestricted funds		42,437		42,437	20,087
Total funds		160,437	43,458	203,896	183,619

For the year ending 31/03/20 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the executive committee on 28th September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Simon Crawford, Treasurer

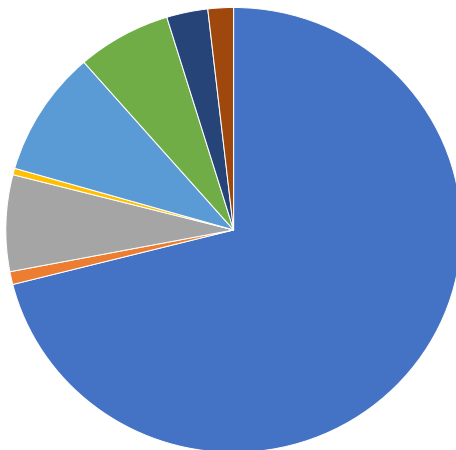
Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.
- There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.
- Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- Incoming resources from investments are included when receivable.
- Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- Unrestricted funds are grants receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to this fund.
- Fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated over a period of 3 years on straight line basis. If the cost is equal to or less than £1000, the whole cost is written off in the year of purchase.

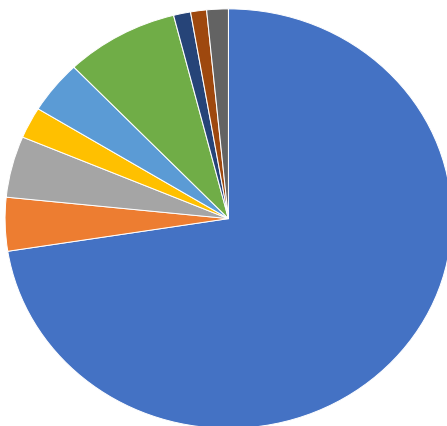
2. Income

- Trusts and Grants (71%)
- Town and Parish Councils (1%)
- Community Donations (6%)
- Individual Donations (1%)
- Fundraising Events (9%)
- Corporate Funding (7%)
- Mayoral Charity Appeal (3%)
- Other (2%)



3. Expenditure

- Employee Costs incl training and travel (73%)
- Telephone, IT, mail and stationary costs (4%)
- Office accomodation incl. utilities (5%)
- Office equipment (2%)
- Days/Weekends Away excl. salaries (4%)
- Fundraising costs (8%)
- Volunteer training, DBS and expenses (1%)
- Family events and children activity costs (1%)
- Other Inclusion Training, Teenage Crew, Insurance, Professional fees (2%)



4. Grants Made

The charity did not make any grants or donations during the financial year.

5. Staff Costs and Numbers

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Numbers	5 FTE	4 FTE
Gross wages and salaries	125,041	107,812
Employer's National Insurance costs	8,768	4,324
Pension contributions	5,656	4,524
Total resources expended	139,465	116,660

No employee was paid over £60,000 in the year

6. Trustees and Other Related Parties

- No payments were made to Trustees excepting reimbursement of any specific out-of-pocket expenses incurred in support of Me2 Club activities
- No trustee or connected person received any remuneration during the year
- There were no related party transactions made by the charity.

7. Tangible fixed assets

- The charities policy is to capitalise any individual assets over £1000 as we deem this to be a material value for our purposes.
- The charity has no fixed assets or items being depreciated at this time. All items have been expensed in year of purchase.

8. Investment assets

The charity held no investment assets at any time during the financial year-ended 31 March 2020.

9. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Deferred and Accrued income	-	-
Money owed by Pension provider	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

10. Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Accruals @ Yr End - Expenses	1,797	1,594
Unpresented Cheques:-	48	551
TOTAL	1,846	2,145

11. Movement of Funds

Year Ended 31st March 2020	At 31st March 2020 £	Incoming Resourc- es £	Outgoing Resourc- es £	At 1st April 2019 £
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	4,132	28,834	24,703	-
Berkshire Community Foundation (Vital for Berkshire)	-	-	4,664	4,664
David Brownlow Charitable Foundation	-	-	4,500	4,500
Easter, Summer and Christmas Party	-	-	610	610
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	6,712	6,712
Get Berkshire Active - Activate Fund	-	1,400	1,400	-
Harrison Clark Rickerbys Charitable Trust	-	1,500	1,500	
Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund	2,034	15,000	12,966	-
Leeds Building Society Foundation	-	500	500	-
Mobbs Memorial Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
NHS Berkshire West Fund for Carers Respite Breaks*	4,400	6,000	3,646	2,046
Openwork Foundation	-	-	8,540	8,540
Peter Harrison Foundation	7,902	10,000	9,598	7,500
Rank Foundation	750	750		
Reading Dispensary Trust	500	500	-	-
SAGE Foundation	2,539	12,500	9,961	-
Shanly Foundation	-	-	3,900	3,900
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	-	750	750	
Souter Charitable Trust	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,800
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	0	2,500	2,500	-
Swire Charitable Trust	-	-	3,866	3,866
Tesco Bags of Help	-	-	1,000	1,000

Year Ended 31st March 2020	At 31st March 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 1st April 2019 £
The Albert Hunt Trust	98	2,000	1,902	-
The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	-	1,669	1,669
The David Solomans Charitable Trust	-	-	320	320
The Elizabeth Jane Foundation	50	2,000	1,950	-
The Fence Club	306	4,000	5,666	1,972
The FSP Foundation	1,675	2,200	525	-
The Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust	-	500	500	-
The Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	-	912	912
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	7,661	7,661
The Percy Bilton Charity	16	500	590	107
The Persimmon Charitable Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	
The Sobell Foundation	1,178	10,000	10,000	1,178
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	
Theodore Roussel Memorial Trust	-	7,000	7,000	-
Town and Parish Councils	475	2,400	2,925	1,000
UK Youth Trust	3,088	5,000	1,912	-
Wokingham United Charities	12,316	15,000	5,320	2,636
Youth Social Action Fund*	-	-	940	940
Total Restricted Funds	43,458	139,834	159,908	63,532
Unrestricted Funds	42,437	45,428	23,077	20,087
Designated Funds - Expansion Project**	28,000	8,000	-	20,000
Designated Funds - Reserves***	90,000	10,000	-	80,000
Unrestricted and Designated Funds	160,437	63,428	23,077	120,086
Total Funds	203,896	203,262	182,985	183,618

* Funds managed by Berkshire Community Foundation

**The Board of Trustees has voted to place £28,000 to Designated Funds for the 2020/2021 Expansion project to cover the costs of a dedicated Activities and Volunteers Coordinator. These designated funds are separate from our general reserves.

*** Designated reserves are re-assessed each year and are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of approximately 6 months predicted fixed core service spend.

12. Other information

- The charity does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts.
- The charity has not given any guarantees to third parties.
- The charity has not granted or been granted any loans.
- The charity did not make any ex-gratia payments during the year.



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*Names have been changed to protect the childrens' identity.
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**Achievements against outcomes from staff observations while attending mainstream activities



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