

Flo Charitable Trust
(Registered charity, number 1172115)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2024

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**Flo Charitable Trust
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

Full name Flo Charitable Trust

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1172115

Principal address

5 Poulton Drive, Nottingham, NG2 4BN

Trustees

Christopher Lawton
Scott Underdown
Alex Hallford

Mark Deans, Chairman
Elizabeth Nelson, Women & Girls Officer
Andrew Wright, Treasurer

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO Foundation adopted 16 March 2017 and most recently amended 27 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for skateboarding and other similar wheeled sports including BMX.
2. To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through
 - A) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life;
 - B) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
3. To advance the arts for the benefit of the public and young people in particular, through the provision of workshops and performance space for music, media, art, photography and art forms.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit centre around a range of ages, genders and socio-economic Flo Charitable Trusts having access to specified, targeted coaching and participation sessions allowing them healthy recreation and community involvement. We make low cost spaces to allow participation and development in the arts available as well as focussing on training and development of young people in developing key skills in both coaching and inter-personal skills.

Key activities/services:

- Beginner Skateboard Sessions
- Women and Girls Skateboard Sessions
- Over-30's Skateboard Sessions - all Ability
- 18+ Beginner Skateboard Sessions
- All Age All Ability Skateboard and BMX Sessions
- Alternative Education Provider Flo Charitable Trust Skateboard Sessions
- Home Schooling Community Skateboard Sessions
- New Wave' LGBTQ+ & Marginalised Gender Sessions
- Sessions provided for refugee support charities
- Provision of low cost artist studio space
- Music Practice Room for local young people and bands provided at zero cost
- Coaching provided at all sessions
- Volunteer Coaching Scheme
- Skateboard Great Britain Hub Member
- A range of ages, genders and socio-economic groups have access to specified targeted coaching and participation sessions allowing them healthy recreation and community involvement
- The training and development of young people in developing key skills in both coaching and inter-personal skills
- Low cost spaces to allow participation and development in the arts
- Elite and 'Pipeline' coaching facility working alongside the National Governing Body

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

This year has been a year of challenge and growing uncertainty for Flo Charitable Trust. The news we have been waiting for, that the new Trent Footbridge will trigger the end of Flo on the banks of the Trent, has focused our minds on finding new premises.

Substantial time and effort was put into a possible move to Mapperley Sports Village in Nottingham, getting as far as meetings with Nottingham City Council planning department and transport department, both of which were very supportive. Unfortunately, a change in circumstances with the landowner meant that more mainstream sports took over as the preferred partner for the space. Nottingham City Council were very supportive throughout. All resources are now focused on finding a new location with communication being shared with the Universities, land-agents, sports clubs and others. Flo's final date in Poulton Drive is Xmas 2024 with planning now being put into place to dismantle the park and put it into storage while a new location is found. This will require a huge community effort and a friendly warehouse owner to make this work.

We continue to be very proud of our coaching staff several of who moved on from us in the year. Meg found an amazing job in a larger charity as an admin officer and bid writer and Ben began work with one of our partner AP schools as a Teaching Assistant. Alec is still our mainstay and rock, who split his time between Flo and SBGB work. This meant that we relied on our volunteers more than ever - without them Flo would not be what it is. Thank you to them all. A special mention to George, Clem, Miriam, Martha, Oli, Mathilde, Imogen and Freddie.

Across the year we held a range of major events including a Halloween Jam/Comp with 42 shop, followed by the very first NottingJam in partnership with SBGB. This was Flo's biggest ever event that saw skaters from across the UK and Europe attend, with visitors from Spain, France, Scotland, Cornwall and London. The Military Jam saw a third year at Flo.

Our association with SBGB continues to be our key strategic and operational partnership. Their help and support for us as well as the gains we make as a park by being at the centre of their Hub programme have contributed to the professionalism of the park every day we operate.

We continue to focus on inclusion and continue with the New Wave ethos in our inclusive/LGBTQ+ sessions. We have historically had great difficulty in breaking even on these sessions, but feel they are an investment in the ethos and intent of the park as a safe and welcoming space to be, meet and participate in the amazing skateboard community. As a result, for the first time, we submitted a funding bid to allow these sessions to continue via The Foyle Foundation. Their generosity allowed us to empower our coach, Meg, to spend additional time marketing these sessions, growing them from the ground up, and very importantly, give both coaching and place-making time to their growth. As a direct result of the funding from Foyle's, we grew participation in this group across a monitored 6 months by 215% compared to the 6 previous months without the funding.

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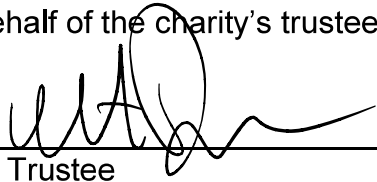
We took on an additional 786 fresh registrations showing continued growth.

A key relationship every year is with the Trent and UON Skateboard Society board members - we do our utmost to support the board members in delivering a new strand of 18 year olds into becoming Flo regulars.

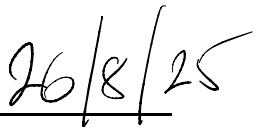
The charity's policy on reserves

We aim to keep £18,000 in reserve and are working towards this. Such is the ebb and flow of the skate park income year the park will always need a substantial cushion to ensure its survival through the 'low income' summer months.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  _____
Mark Deans, Trustee

Date



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Flo Charitable Trust
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Flo Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

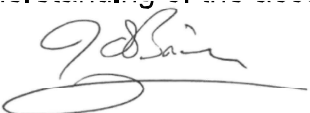
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 02/09/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2024

2023				2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
113	Grants & donations	2	-	5000
67695	Fees		68374	-
9130	Services		15208	-
6529	Sundry receipts		-	-
83467	Total receipts		83582	5000
	Payments			
155	Advertising/Promotional		155	-
-	Business rates		-	650
757	Consumables		442	-
-	Equipment		4926	-
173	Health & safety		-	-
13669	Insurance		12556	2000
1233	IT		623	-
121	Music		136	-
-	NGB Registration		105	-
80	Office & administration		35	-
1238	Professional fees		2338	-
833	Repairs & maintenance		128	-
144	Training		-	-
4471	Utilities		6857	2350
65150	Wages, NI & pension		53828	-
282	Sundry payments		-	-
88306	Total payments		82129	5000
(4839)	Net receipts/(payments)		1453	-
21534	Cash funds at start of this period		16695	-
16695	Cash funds at end of this period		18148	-

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 September 2024

(As restated)			2024
2023		Note	£
£	Cash assets		£
16695	Bank accounts		18148
<u>16695</u>			<u>18148</u>
	Other monetary assets		
5026	Debtors	4	39
<u>5026</u>			<u>39</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	CCTV system, purchased November 2021, cost £521		
	Vacuum cleaner, purchased December 2021, cost £598		
	PA System, purchased March 2022, cost £1,425		
	Ramp extensions, purchased November 2023, cost £4,105		
	Liabilities		
(648)	Creditors	5	(3375)
<u>(648)</u>			<u>(3375)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson, Trustee

Date 28/8/2025

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
The Foyle Foundation	-	5000	5000
	<u>-</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>5000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>5000</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Running Costs	-	5000	(5000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>(5000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	16695	83582	(82129)	18148
	<u>16695</u>	<u>83582</u>	<u>(82129)</u>	<u>18148</u>

The Running Costs fund is comprised of funding from The Foyle Foundation that contributes toward the general running costs of the organisation.

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4. Debtors

	£
Pensions (overpayment)	39
	<u>39</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent Examination fee	720
HMRC	2655
	<u>3375</u>

6. Premises & staff

The premises are provided by the local authority for peppercorn rent of £1 per annum (if demanded).

7. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

8. Related party transactions

Joe Deans (son of trustee Mark Deans) was paid £365 as an employee for coaching during the period.

9. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.