

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1091474

Details

Other names	FUN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2002-03-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE:- THE RELIEF OF NEED OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES IN THE AREA OF LUTON AND SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUPPORT, INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS.

Activities: F.U.N. provides services and support to disabled children, young adults and their families living in Luton and Bedfordshire. We run a variety of respite and family services and activities across the year for young people living with any type of disability or additional need, and their family carers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BEDFORDSHIRE
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire
- Luton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£425,497	£444,275	-	-
2024-03-31	£463,840	£422,273	-	-
2023-03-31	£418,487	£442,976	-	-
2022-03-31	£341,504	£405,385	-	-
2021-03-31	£483,603	£331,217	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stuart Kite	Chair	2018-11-19
Heidi Dunn		2023-08-02
Julie Tompkins		2016-10-11
Sidhartha Chakrabarty		2020-01-13

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025. They are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number 1091474

Trustees	Chairperson	Mr S Kite	
		Mrs J Tompkins	
		Ms M Titmus	Resigned 22/07/2024
		Mrs H Dunn	
		Mr S Chakrabarty	

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity operates under a Constitution adopted in 2011 and amended in 2013. The Constitution June 2013. It is a membership organisation run by a Board of Trustees elected by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, with one-third retiring each year and eligible for re-election as per the Constitution. Trustees must be over 18 and must not be disqualified under charity law.

Board Structure & Operation

- The Board meets at least six times per year.
- Day-to-day management is delegated to the Charity Development Manager and Business Manager.
- Major expenditure decisions are referred back to trustees.
- Trustees maintain oversight of safeguarding, finance, HR, governance and strategic direction.

Risk Management

The Board undertakes an annual risk review and has systems in place to mitigate organisational, financial, safeguarding and operational risks, including:

- Maintaining reserves to cover 3–9 months of expenditure (Reserve Policy)
- Regular financial monitoring
- Training for staff in safeguarding and specialist care
- Review of health & safety, GDPR and governance procedures

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

FUN exists to improve the lives of children, young people and adults with disabilities, and to support their families. The charity's purposes, as set out in the Constitution, include:

- Providing recreational activities, personal development and mentoring for disabled children and young people.
- Supporting transitions into adulthood, independence and employability.
- Providing parents/carers with information, guidance, respite and opportunities for mutual support.
- Working with local authorities and organisations to improve policy and provision.

The trustees confirm that all activities deliver public benefit, in accordance with Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Main Activities Delivered in 2024–25

Across the year, FUN provided:

- Specialist Junior & Senior Respite Clubs
- Holiday Activity Clubs for SEND children and siblings
- Youth Club (11–17)
- Young Adults & Adults Clubs (18–40)
- Adult Skills Workshops
- Parent/Carer Wellbeing Group
- Keech Accessible Swimming Sessions
- Family support, advice and community connection

Activities are designed to reduce isolation, build confidence, provide safe and accessible play and

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair of Trustees Statement

During 2024–25 Families United Network (FUN) delivered a wide-ranging and high-quality programme of specialist services for children, young people and adults with disabilities across Bedfordshire. Demand for services remained extremely high, reinforcing FUN's role as a key provider of inclusive, accessible respite, recreation and personal development in the county.

In total, the charity delivered over 230 sessions and more than 20,000 hours of direct support, engaging 260+ disabled children and young people, 84 disabled adults, 87 siblings, and approximately 190 parents/carers.

FUN's impact spans early childhood through to adulthood, ensuring continuity of support at every stage of life.

Junior & Senior Respite Clubs (Ages 4–18)

Our Saturday respite clubs remain one of the most vital parts of FUN's offer, providing both specialist care for children with complex needs and essential breaks for parent/carers.

Senior Respite Club (Ages 12–18)

- 174 hours of tailored support delivered.
- 42 young people attended across the year.
- High staffing ratios enabled safe care for children with autism, learning disabilities, behavioural needs, epilepsy and sensory processing challenges.
- A structured programme included cooking, arts, sensory exploration, outdoor play, sports, games and confidence-building activities.
- A new FUN minibus expanded opportunities for group outings—visiting farms, adventure parks, community events and local attractions.

Junior Respite Club (Ages 4–11)

- 40 children attended regularly.
- Sessions delivered twice monthly (two 3-hour sessions each day).
- Key themes included messy play, imaginative play, sensory activities, music and movement, outdoor experiences and small-group learning.

Service model improvements:

Following rising demand, FUN introduced an allocation-based booking system allowing staff resources to be matched more effectively to children's individual needs. This resulted in 15 additional respite places being made available across the year.

Impact:

- Parents reported improved behaviour and emotional regulation at home.
- Children built friendships, tried new experiences and developed communication skills.
- Families described respite as "life-changing" and "the only reliable break we receive."

School Holiday Activity Clubs (SEND Family Sessions)

As well as providing its regular Holiday Schemes, FUN continued to also be a recognised provider within the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme across Easter, Summer and Christmas. These clubs provide inclusive recreational sessions for disabled children and their siblings, along with free healthy meals.

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Chair of Trustees Statement (Cont.)

Key achievements:

- 164 SEND children and 87 siblings attended holiday provisions.
- 30 sessions delivered across the year.
- Activities included:
 - Arts, crafts and sensory play
 - Cooking and baking
 - Animal encounters and farm visits
 - Outdoor games and inclusive sports
 - Treasure hunts, immersive experiences, community trips

A standout feature this year was FUN's imaginative transformation of the centre into a summer seaside experience, complete with sand play, water features, ice-cream sessions, games and beach-themed activities.

Impact:

- Families with multiple children could attend together, reducing isolation.
- Children who struggle with traditional settings found FUN to be the only accessible holiday environment.
- Parents reported reductions in anxiety, meltdowns and challenging behaviour after regular attendance.

Youth Club (Ages 11–17)

The Youth Club continues to provide a vital bridge between childhood and adulthood for young people navigating social, emotional and developmental challenges.

This year's outcomes included:

- Membership doubled, growing from 7 to 14 regular attendees.
- Sessions delivered 35 weeks per year.
- A structured curriculum supported personal development through themes such as:
 - o Developing friendships and social safety
 - o Online safety and digital competence
 - o Communication and decision-making
 - o Emotional wellbeing
 - o Healthy lifestyles
 - o Independence skills

Young people developed confidence, reduced anxiety around social situations, and formed new friendships in a safe, supportive space.

Young Adults Club & Adults Social Clubs (Ages 18–40)

FUN runs two alternating weekday clubs for adults with learning disabilities, autism and additional needs. These are often the only social groups available to adults requiring specialist support in Bedfordshire.

Key features:

- Support for 64 disabled adults across the year.
- Sessions encourage independence, social connection and community participation.
- Activities included:
 - Bowling, cinema and sports
 - Bingo, quizzes, themed nights, karaoke
 - Cooking sessions and collaborative meals
 - Day trips — seaside, Winter Wonderland, theme parks
 - Drama and creative sessions
 - Life-skills projects and teamwork challenges

Clubs operate as both social and developmental environments, helping adults maintain routines, build confidence and reduce isolation.

Impact:

- 90% of service users reported feeling less isolated and more confident navigating social environments.
- Many adults repeated sessions to reinforce skills and maintain peer relationships.

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Chair of Trustees Statement (Cont.)

Adult Skills Workshops (Ages 18–30)

These structured 6-week programmes focus on developing independent living and employability skills.

Topics included:

- Budgeting & money management
- Digital literacy and online safety
- Cooking and food hygiene
- Travel training
- Staying safe and healthy
- Employability and workplace skills

Workshops also support emotional regulation, personal presentation, communication and self-advocacy.

Outcomes:

- New participants joined throughout the year, with regular returning students.
- 90% said they wanted more workshop opportunities.
- Participants demonstrated increased confidence, practical skills and independence.

Parent/Carer Wellbeing Group

This group provides a safe, welcoming space for parents to receive emotional support, information and friendship.

Programme details:

- Initially weekly, then moved to twice per month due to reduced uptake.
- Activities included crafts, talks, relaxation, shared meals, coffee meetups and peer-led sessions.
- Pre-school children could attend, increasing accessibility.

Impact:

- Parents reported improved wellbeing and reduced isolation.
- The group provided a trusted setting to share challenges, coping strategies and local knowledge.

Accessible Swimming (Keech Hydrotherapy Pool)

FUN provided fully supported sessions at the Keech hydrotherapy pool, one of the only warm-water facilities accessible to SEND children in the region.

Why this service is critical:

- Many children with profound disabilities cannot use standard pools.
- Hydrotherapy offers pain relief, sensory stimulation and physical freedom.
- For several families, this is the only FUN service they can attend due to medical needs.

Feedback highlighted enormous benefits in muscle relaxation, emotional regulation, sleep and overall wellbeing.

Additional Services and Community Use

FUN's large activity centre — 15,000 sq ft of fully accessible indoor space — also supports:

- Community group hire
- Specialist events and workshops
- A coffee shop offering a safe community hub

This contributes to sustainability and strengthens community partnerships.

We are proud to be the only organisation with an adapted building within the Luton and Central Bedfordshire locality.

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Chair of Trustees Statement (Cont.)

Overall Measured Impact

Across FUN's services:

- 92% of parents reported improved confidence
- 91% saw social development progress
- 70% saw improved communication
- 100% of young people said they felt less isolated

FUN continues to provide a lifeline for families who often have no alternative accessible provision locally.

These outcomes reinforce FUN's role as a vital lifeline for families who have little or no alternative accessible provision locally.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Key risks identified include:

- Financial sustainability due to rising staffing and premises costs
- Dependence on restricted grants to support core operations
- High demand for respite services exceeding capacity
- Recruitment and retention of specialist staff
- Inflationary pressures on utilities and insurance
- Long-term building sustainability and future rent increases

Mitigation includes:

- Strengthening fundraising and grant development
- Cost control and service planning
- Improved financial reporting
- Exploring long-term building options
- Maintaining adequate reserves

Plans for Future Periods

Trustees have identified several priorities for 2025–26 and beyond:

- Creation of new projects to meet emerging needs
- Expansion of existing projects and their geographic reach
- Continued development and enhancement of the FUN Activity Centre
- Increasing unrestricted income through fundraising, partnership work and venue hire
- Reviewing service models to maximise staff resources and meet demand efficiently
- Strengthening parent/carers support pathways

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. All activities are designed to improve the wellbeing, inclusion, independence and quality of life of disabled children, young people, adults and their families.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

As per the Charities Act 2011, trustees are responsible for:

- Preparing accounts giving a true and fair view
- Selecting suitable accounting policies
- Keeping adequate accounting records
- Safeguarding charity assets
- Ensuring compliance with SORP and statutory requirements

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Financial Review

The results of the charity for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10. Overall the Charity had a deficit for the year of £18,777.

Principal Funding Sources

Grant Income for the year totalled £355,941 and was made up as follows:

Unrestricted / Restricted:	£	
Edward Gostling	110,000	
The Sobell Foundation	20,000	
Lottery Community Fund	15,000	
The King Charles III Charitable Fund	2,000	
Whitbread Plc. Chairman Fund – Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation	4,000	
Others grants and trusts	207,749	358,749
Movement in Deferred Income in the year		-2,808
		<u><u>355,941</u></u>

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (*continued*)

Reserves policy

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically to ensure that the charity is able to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services. It is their policy to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers three to nine months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our future plans include:

- creation of new projects;
- expanding the scope of existing projects and their geographical locations.
- Continuing the development of our activity centre.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those accounts, 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the charity will continue operation.

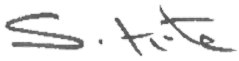
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, Statements of Recommended Practice and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Approved by the trustees on
and signed on behalf of the board by:



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CHAIRPERSON

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income- donations and gift aid		175		175	1,672
Activities for generating funds:					
Fundraising events		15,457		15,457	10,225
Coffee shop income		2,983		2,983	2,400
Investment Income:					
Deposit account interest		385		385	338
Rent received		2,880	-	2,880	2,505
Incoming Resources from charitable activities:					
Grants received		150,155	205,786	355,941	407,678
Other income		47,676		47,676	39,022
Total Incoming Resources		219,711	205,786	425,497	463,840
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	2	435		435	405
Charitable activities	2	242,436	198,196	440,632	418,800
Governance costs	2	3,208		3,208	3,067
Total Resources Expended	2	246,079	198,196	444,275	422,273
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the year		(26,367)	7,590	(18,777)	41,568
Balance at 1st April 2024		238,777	-	238,777	197,210
Balance at 31st March 2025		212,410	7,590	220,000	238,777

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3	54,695	59,958
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	23,485	23,562
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>157,886</u>	<u>167,028</u>
		181,371	190,591
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>16,066</u>	<u>11,771</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>165,305</u>	<u>178,819</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		220,000	238,777
NET ASSETS		<u>220,000</u>	<u>238,777</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted:			
Designated		0	0
General		204,152	222,261
Restricted	6	<u>15,848</u>	<u>16,516</u>
		220,000	238,777

The accounts on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees on

..... and were signed on their behalf by:



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Mr S Kite
CHAIRPERSON

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005, applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. This includes grant funds which are given for specific purposes.

(c) Incoming resources

Grant income is accounted for in the period in which it is to be used.

All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be qualified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the accounts for services donated by volunteers.

Investment income is included when receivable.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income; mainly in relation to fund raising, marketing and PR.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Items of small equipment purchased are taken to expenditure in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the professional fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in Note 2.

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2 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Basis of Allocation	Generating Funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities	Actual					
Staff Costs		0	257,246	0	257,246	241,133
Fundraising		435	0	0	435	405
Direct Activity Costs		0	16,771	0	16,771	18,660
Equipment Hire/Purchases		0	938	0	938	113
Other Staff Costs and Expenses		0	4,274	0	4,274	3,948
Volunteer Expenses		0	0	0	0	35
Trustee Expenses		0	0	95	95	0
Training		0	5,235	0	5,235	5,252
Publicity Materials		0	16	0	16	0
Consultancy		0	6,888	0	6,888	5,575
Professional		0	5,095	0	5,095	5,095
Legal Fees		0	0	0	0	0
Accountancy		0	0	3,113	3,113	3,067
Bank Charges		0	230	0	230	183
Sundries		0	0	0	0	0
		435	296,693	3,208	300,336	283,466
Support Costs Allocated to Activities						
Premises	Floor Area	0	101,956	0	101,956	97,796
General Office Costs	Useage	0	23,987	0	23,987	23,222
Communications	Useage	0	2,916	0	2,916	2,501
Depreciation	Useage	0	15,079	0	15,079	15,287
		0	143,938	0	143,938	138,806
Total resources expended		435	440,632	3,208	444,275	422,273

Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries	254,059	236,412
Social Security Costs	1,801	2,952
Stakeholder Pension Costs	1,387	1,768
Recruitment Costs	0	0
	<u>257,246</u>	<u>241,133</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The number of employees, analysed by function was:

	Number	Number
Charitable Activities	75	75
Fundraising	1	1
Management and Administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

None of the trustees received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2024-nil).

The trustees claimed no expenses during the year (2024 - NIL)

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3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Leasehold Improvements £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 2024	143,694	45,792	50,335	25,191	19,865	284,877
Additions	-	-	8,928	888	-	9,816
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2025	143,694	45,792	59,263	26,079	19,865	294,693
DEPRECIATION						
Balance at 1 April 2024	120,013	39,510	28,559	19,002	17,835	224,919
Charge for the period	5,536	1,571	5,918	1,547	507	15,079
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2025	125,549	41,080	34,477	20,550	18,343	239,998
NET BOOK VALUE						
As at 31 March 2025	18,146	4,712	24,785	5,530	1,522	54,695
As at 31 March 2024	23,681	6,282	21,776	6,189	2,030	59,958

4 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Debtors	1,251	2,270
Prepayments	22,234	21,292
	<u>23,485</u>	<u>23,562</u>

5 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	3,739	2,298
Accruals	2,700	2,700
Taxation and Social Security	521	491
Other Creditors	15	0
Deferred Income	9,091	6,282
	<u>16,066</u>	<u>11,771</u>

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6 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 31st March 2024 £	Movement in Resources		Balance at 31st March 2025 £
		Incoming	Outgoing	
Holiday Club	8,258	52,321 (	44,731)	15,848
Senior Respite Club	0	62,271 (	62,271)	0
Junior Respite Club	0	35,748 (	35,748)	0
Youth Club	0	10,182 (	10,182)	0
Young Adult Club	0	9,186 (	9,186)	0
Adult Club	0	9,993 (	9,993)	0
Adult Skills Workshops	0	23,805 (	23,805)	0
Trips & Parties	0	2,280 (	2,280)	0
	<u>8,258</u>	<u>205,786 (</u>	<u>198,196)</u>	<u>15,848</u>

These funds represent grants received by the charity for particular purposes and projects.

7 DESIGNATED FUNDS	2025 £	2024 £
At 1st April 2024	0	0
Movement in year	0	0
At 31st March 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds were being held for a new building and development. The funds were released during 2015/16 into general funding for projects and services.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 any reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements
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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	2025		2025
	£		£
Income			
Donations	175		1,672
Grants	355,941		407,678
User Fees	45,634		37,035
Trips/Tickets	2,033		1,952
Fundraising Events	15,457		10,225
Coffee shop Income	2,983		2,400
Deposit Account Interest	385		338
Rent Received	2,880		2,505
Other Income	10		36
Total Income		425,497	463,840
Expenses			
Fundraising, Marketing & PR	435		405
Wages	257,246		241,133
Motor Expenses	4,087		3,333
Other Staff Expenses	187		615
Volunteer Expenses	0		35
Trustees Expenses	95		0
Hire of Equipment	0		0
Office Rent	79,543		78,669
Rates	3,127		0
Heat & Light	9,585		12,432
Cleaning	2,293		1,786
Premises Expenses	7,409		4,910
Insurance	9,228		8,019
Telephone	2,916		2,501
Printing, Postage and Stationary	4,525		3,595
Computer Costs	10,234		11,608
Publicity Material	16		0
Sundries	0		0
Equipment purchases	938		113
Entertainers/Workshops	1,663		1,969
Transport/Coaches	0		0
Ticket Costs	4,095		6,764
Activity Costs- Other/Materials	5,451		4,687
Food	5,213		4,365
Venue Hire/Costs	350		874
Staff Training	5,235		5,252
Accountancy	3,113		3,067
Legal Fees	0		0
Professional Fees	5,095		5,095
Consultancy Fees	6,888		5,575
Depreciation	15,079		15,287
Bank Charges	230		183
Loss/(Profit) of sale of Fixed Asset	0		0
		444,275	422,273
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		-18,777	41,568

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1091474

Accounts

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

Registered Charity Number: 1091474

ACCOUNTS 31st March 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair of Trustees Statement

During 2023/24 the charity continued to offer high quality services to children and young adults with disabilities living across Bedfordshire, including providing support to parent carers and siblings. The charity provides a community which enables the young children, adults and siblings to thrive in a safe environment whilst allowing them to develop further independent life skills to utilise through to and beyond their adult life.

Unfortunately we closed FUNZONE as there was a lack of interest and attendance in the year.

Due to the demand for our Saturday Respite Clubs for both younger and older children we had to look at how we could better utilise the resourcing to meet the needs of the children both older & younger. We moved these to an allocation process so this enabled us to match the staff resource available with the needs of the child to fully maximise the places available. Families committed to fixed sessions each month so we could plan resources accordingly. This resulted in us being able to offer a total of 15 more places across senior and junior respite clubs.

Our school Holiday Clubs have continued to be part of the local HAF programme within Bedfordshire; with our Easter, summer and Christmas clubs providing activities and healthy meals for local children with disabilities and their siblings. These family sessions continue to be very much in demand.

Parent Wellbeing Group was a weekly daytime drop-in service that is parent-lead and provides a forum for parents to be able to connect with each other and participate in activities that address their own wellbeing needs as carers. Parents plan their own activities for each session and can bring along pre-school children if needed. The demand had fallen dramatically so we reduced these sessions to twice a month with a minimal charge for attendance to cover the costs of offering this service.

Adult skills workshops available for adults from 18 to 40 is now into the fourth year and has continued to be a success. We have had new participants in the year with some of the adults repeating the course to consolidate their learning and build their confidence.

Our building is available for hire including the facilities and coffee shop. This has been utilised within the community by local community groups, schools, charities for youth club and parent group.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

Financial Review

The results of the charity for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7. Overall the Charity had a surplus for the year of £41,568

Principal Funding Sources

Grant Income for the year totalled £407,678 and was made up as follows:

Unrestricted / Restricted:	£	
The Steel Charitable Trust	20,000	
The Sobell Foundation	20,000	
Lottery Community Fund	30,000	
The King Charles III Charitable Fund	2,000	
House of Industry Estate	3,592	
The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	20,000	
Others grants and trusts	309,992	405,584
Movement in Deferred Income in the year		2,094
		<u><u>407,678</u></u>

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW (*continued*)

Reserves policy

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically to ensure that the charity is able to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services. It is their policy to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers three to nine months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our future plans include:

- creation of new projects;
- expanding the scope of existing projects and their geographical locations.
- Continuing the development of our activity centre.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those accounts, 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the charity will continue operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, Statements of Recommended Practice and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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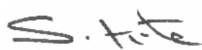
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3	59,958	54,501
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	23,562	27,945
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>167,028</u>	<u>156,325</u>
		190,591	184,270
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>11,771</u>	<u>41,561</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>178,819</u>	<u>142,709</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		238,777	197,210
NET ASSETS		<u>238,777</u>	<u>197,210</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted:			
Designated		0	0
General		230,519	197,210
Restricted	6	<u>8,258</u>	<u>0</u>
		238,777	197,210

The accounts on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees on

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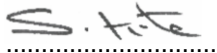
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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income- donations and gift aid		1,672		1,672	11,016
Activities for generating funds:					
Fundraising events		10,225		10,225	14,652
Coffee shop income		2,400		2,400	2,660
Investment Income:					
Deposit account interest		338		338	248
Rent received		2,505	-	2,505	4,636
Incoming Resources from charitable activities:					
Grants received		166,266	241,412	407,678	347,369
Other income		39,022		39,022	37,906
Total Incoming Resources		222,428	241,412	463,840	418,487
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	2	405		405	2,044
Charitable activities	2	185,646	233,154	418,800	438,001
Governance costs	2	3,067		3,067	2,930
Total Resources Expended	2	189,119	233,154	422,273	442,976
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the year		33,310	8,258	41,568	(24,488)
Balance at 1st April 2023		197,210	0	197,210	221,698
Balance at 31st March 2024		230,519	8,258	238,777	197,210

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005, applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. This includes grant funds which are given for specific purposes.

(c) Incoming resources

Grant income is accounted for in the period in which it is to be used.

All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be qualified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the accounts for services donated by volunteers.

Investment income is included when receivable.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income; mainly in relation to fund raising, marketing and PR.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Items of small equipment purchased are taken to expenditure in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the professional fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in Note 2.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

2 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Basis of Allocation	Generating Funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities	Actual					
Staff Costs		0	241,133	0	241,133	230,281
Fundraising		405	0	0	405	2,044
Direct Activity Costs		0	18,660	0	18,660	22,812
Equipment Hire/Purchases		0	113	0	113	5,085
Other Staff Costs and Expenses		0	3,948	0	3,948	4,139
Volunteer Expenses		0	35	0	35	0
Trustee Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Training		0	5,252	0	5,252	5,566
Publicity Materials		0	0	0	0	329
Consultancy		0	5,575	0	5,575	8,454
Professional		0	5,095	0	5,095	5,095
Legal Fees		0	0	0	0	0
Accountancy		0	0	3,067	3,067	2,930
Bank Charges		0	183	0	183	220
Sundries		0	0	0	0	0
		405	279,994	3,067	283,466	286,955
Support Costs Allocated to Activities						
Premises	Floor Area	0	97,796	0	97,796	115,381
General Office Costs	Useage	0	23,222	0	23,222	21,868
Communications	Useage	0	2,501	0	2,501	2,226
Depreciation	Useage	0	15,287	0	15,287	16,545
		0	138,806	0	138,806	156,020
Total resources expended		405	418,800	3,067	422,273	442,976

Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries	236,412	223,059
Social Security Costs	2,952	4,854
Stakeholder Pension Costs	1,768	2,368
Recruitment Costs	0	0
	<u>241,133</u>	<u>230,281</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The number of employees, analysed by function was:

Charitable Activities	Number	Number
Fundraising	75	75
Management and Administration	1	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

None of the trustees received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2023-nil).

The trustees claimed no expenses during the year (2023 - NIL)

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Leasehold Improvements £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 2023	139,015	45,792	37,798	21,663	19,865	264,133
Additions	4,679	-	12,536	3,528	-	20,744
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2024	143,694	45,792	50,335	25,191	19,865	284,877
DEPRECIATION						
Balance at 1 April 2023	114,062	37,416	23,468	17,527	17,159	209,632
Charge for the period	5,951	2,094	5,090	1,475	677	15,287
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2024	120,013	39,510	28,559	19,002	17,835	224,919
NET BOOK VALUE						
As at 31 March 2024	23,681	6,282	21,776	6,189	2,030	59,958
As at 31 March 2023	24,953	8,376	14,330	4,136	2,706	54,501

4 DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Debtors	2,270	2,108
Prepayments	21,292	25,838
	<u>23,562</u>	<u>27,945</u>

5 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	2,298	27,962
Accruals	2,700	5,223
Taxation and Social Security	491	0
Other Creditors	0	0
Deferred Income	6,282	8,376
	<u>11,771</u>	<u>41,561</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

6 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 31st March 2023 £	Movement in Resources		Balance at 31st March 2024 £
		Incoming	Outgoing	
Holiday Club	0	100,589 (	92,331)	8,258
Senior Respite Club	0	47,558 (	47,558)	0
Junior Respite Club	0	25,725 (	25,725)	0
Youth Club	0	19,292 (	19,292)	0
Young Adult Club	0	19,261 (	19,261)	0
Adult Club	0	5,552 (	5,552)	0
Adult Skills Workshops	0	21,261 (	21,261)	0
Trips & Parties	0	2,174 (	2,174)	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>241,412 (</u>	<u>233,154)</u>	<u>8,258</u>

These funds represent grants received by the charity for particular purposes and projects.

7 DESIGNATED FUNDS	2024 £	2023 £
At 1st April 2023	0	0
Movement in year	0	0
At 31st March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds were being held for a new building and development. The funds were released during 2015/16 into general funding for projects and services.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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.

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	£		£	
Income				
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Expenses				
Fundraising, Marketing & PR	405		2,044	
Wages	241,133		230,281	
Motor Expenses	3,333		3,247	
Other Staff Expenses	615		891	
Volunteer Expenses	35		0	
Trustees Expenses	0		0	
Hire of Equipment	0		0	
Office Rent	78,669		87,688	
Rates	0		3,600	
Heat & Light	12,432		13,317	
Cleaning	1,786		2,479	
Premises Expenses	4,910		8,298	
Insurance	8,019		7,037	
Telephone	2,501		2,226	
Printing, Postage and Stationary	3,595		3,689	
Computer Costs	11,608		11,143	
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Equipment purchases	113		5,085	
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Food	4,365		4,415	
Venue Hire/Costs	874		1,324	
Staff Training	5,252		5,566	
Accountancy	3,067		2,930	
Legal Fees	0		0	
Professional Fees	5,095		5,095	
Consultancy Fees	5,575		8,454	
Depreciation	15,287		16,545	
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Loss/(Profit) of sale of Fixed Asset	0		0	
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During 2022/23 the charity continued to offer high quality services to children and young adults with disabilities living across Bedfordshire, including providing support to parent carers and siblings. The charity continued its work to re-establish its services following the Covid pandemic and has further imbedded its new daytime adult service teaching life and independent living skills to younger adults with disabilities aged over 18.

The demand for our Saturday Respite Clubs for both younger and older children continued to grow throughout the year. Unfortunately, this necessitated restricting the number of sessions that could be accessed by each child to try and ensure that as many children and families as possible can benefit from the places available at these services.

Our school Holiday Clubs have continued to be part of the local HAF programme within Bedfordshire; with our Easter, summer and Christmas clubs providing activities and healthy meals for local children with disabilities and their siblings. These family sessions continue to be very much in demand.

A new service for parent carers was launched in June 2022. Our Parent Wellbeing Group is a weekly daytime drop-in service that is parent-lead and provides a forum for parents to be able to connect with each other and participate in activities that address their own wellbeing needs as carers. Parents plan their own activities for each session and can bring along pre-school children if needed.

The introduction of a new skills and training programme for all of our amazing support staff, has produced a more effective, consistent and well-trained staff team at our respite services, creating regular staff teams working at each service who are on permanent contracts. This helped staff to develop their knowledge, skills and career prospects, and to provide more consistency in the support offered to the children and young people that access our clubs and activities. Improvements to this training programme will continue to be made in future years.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Financial Review

The results of the charity for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7. Overall the Charity had a deficit for the year of £24,488

Principal Funding Sources

Grant Income for the year totalled £347,369 and was made up as follows:

Unrestricted / Restricted:	£
Bedfordshire & Luton Community Fund – Stability Fund	5,000
Sobell Foundation	20,000
BBC Children in Need	35,000
Lottery Community Fund	15,000
Price of Wales's Charitable Foundation	2,000
Others grants and trusts	230,566
	307,566
Movement in Deferred Income in the year	39,803
	<u>347,369</u>

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW (*continued*)

Reserves policy

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our future plans include:

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on behalf of the board by:



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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income- donations and gift aid		11,016		11,016	957
Activities for generating funds:					
Fundraising events		14,652		14,652	3,178
Coffee shop income		2,660		2,660	1,763
Investment Income:					
Deposit account interest		248		248	-
Rent received		4,636	-	4,636	2,330
Incoming Resources from charitable activities:					
Grants received		75,727	271,642	347,369	292,599
Other income		37,906		37,906	40,677
Total Incoming Resources		146,845	271,642	418,487	341,504
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	2	2,044		2,044	9,002
Charitable activities	2	164,104	273,897	438,001	393,683
Governance costs	2	2,930		2,930	2,700
Total Resources Expended	2	169,079	273,897	442,976	405,385
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the year		(22,233)	(2,255)	(24,488)	(63,881)
Balance at 1st April 2022		219,443	2,255	221,698	285,579
Balance at 31st March 2023		197,210	0	197,210	221,698

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3	54,501	67,448
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	27,945	3,179
Cash at bank and in hand		156,325	215,011
		184,270	218,191
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	41,561	63,940
NET CURRENT ASSETS		142,709	154,250
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		197,210	221,698
NET ASSETS		197,210	221,698
FUNDS			
Unrestricted:			
Designated		0	0
General		197,210	219,443
Restricted	6	0	2,255
		197,210	221,698

The accounts on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees on

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Mr S Kite
CHAIRPERSON

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005, applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. This includes grant funds which are given for specific purposes.

(c) Incoming resources

Grant income is accounted for in the period in which it is to be used.

All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be qualified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the accounts for services donated by volunteers.

Investment income is included when receivable.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income; mainly in relation to fund raising, marketing and PR.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Items of small equipment purchased are taken to expenditure in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the professional fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in Note 2.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

2 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Basis of Allocation	Generating Funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities	Actual					
Staff Costs		0	230,281	0	230,281	198,815
Fundraising		2,044	0	0	2,044	9,002
Direct Activity Costs		0	22,812	0	22,812	14,695
Equipment Hire/Purchases		0	5,085	0	5,085	1,632
Other Staff Costs and Expenses		0	4,139	0	4,139	4,023
Volunteer Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Trustee Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Training		0	5,566	0	5,566	3,005
Publicity Materials		0	329	0	329	0
Consultancy		0	8,454	0	8,454	0
Professional		0	5,095	0	5,095	4,246
Legal Fees		0	0	0	0	0
Accountancy		0	0	2,930	2,930	2,700
Bank Charges		0	220	0	220	312
Sundries		0	0	0	0	0
		2,044	281,981	2,930	286,955	238,429
Support Costs Allocated to Activities						
Premises	Floor Area	0	115,381	0	115,381	127,245
General Office Costs	Usage	0	21,868	0	21,868	18,653
Communications	Usage	0	2,226	0	2,226	2,633
Depreciation	Usage	0	16,545	0	16,545	18,425
		0	156,020	0	156,020	166,956
Total resources expended		2,044	438,001	2,930	442,976	405,385

Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries	223,059	189,290
Social Security Costs	4,854	7,474
Stakeholder Pension Costs	2,368	2,051
Recruitment Costs	0	0
	<u>230,281</u>	<u>198,815</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The number of employees, analysed by function was:

	Number	Number
Charitable Activities	75	76
Fundraising	1	1
Management and Administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

None of the trustees received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2022-nil).

The trustees claimed no expenses during the year (2022 - NIL)

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Improvements	Motor Vehicles	Equipment	Office Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
COST	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2022	139,015	45,792	34,201	21,663	19,865	260,536
Additions	-	-	3,598	-	-	3,598
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2023	139,015	45,792	37,798	21,663	19,865	264,133
DEPRECIATION						
Balance at 1 April 2022	106,441	34,624	19,618	16,149	16,256	193,088
Charge for the period	7,621	2,792	3,850	1,379	902	16,545
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2023	114,062	37,416	23,468	17,527	17,159	209,632
NET BOOK VALUE						
As at 31 March 2023	24,953	8,376	14,330	4,136	2,706	54,501
As at 31 March 2022	32,574	11,169	14,583	5,515	3,608	67,448

4 DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,108	1,886
Prepayments	25,838	1,293
	<u>27,945</u>	<u>3,179</u>

5 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	27,962	11,770
Accruals	5,223	2,700
Taxation and Social Security	0	52
Other Creditors	0	1,238
Deferred Income	8,376	48,180
	<u>41,561</u>	<u>63,940</u>

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

6 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at	Movement in Resources		Balance at
	31st March	Incoming	Outgoing	31st March
	2022			2023
	£			£
FunZone	0	5,336 (	5,336)	0
Holiday Club	0	88,191 (	88,191)	0
Senior Respite Club	2,255	74,200 (	76,455)	0
Junior Respite Club	0	30,199 (	30,199)	0
Youth Club	0	17,033 (	17,033)	0
Young Adult Club	0	24,359 (	24,359)	0
Trips & Parties	0	9,105 (	9,105)	0
Adult Skills Workshops	0	23,219 (	23,219)	0
	<u>2,255</u>	<u>271,642 (</u>	<u>273,897)</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds represent grants received by the charity for particular purposes and projects.

7 DESIGNATED FUNDS	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1st April 2022	0	0
Movement in year	0	0
At 31st March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds were being held for a new building and development. The funds were released during 2015/16 into general funding for projects and services.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 any reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

**Victoria Moulds FFA FIPA
MOULDS & CO LIMITED
Financial Accountants**

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	2023		2022	
	£		£	
Income				
Donations	11,016		957	
Grants	347,369		292,599	
User Fees	35,191		38,408	
Trips/Tickets	2,690		2,219	
Fundraising Events	14,652		3,178	
Coffee shop Income	2,660		1,763	
Deposit Account Interest	248		0	
Rent Received	4,636		2,330	
Other Income	25		50	
Total Income		418,487		341,504
Expenses				
Fundraising, Marketing & PR	2,044		9,002	
Wages	230,281		198,815	
Motor Expenses	3,247		3,539	
Other Staff Expenses	891		485	
Volunteer Expenses	0		0	
Trustees Expenses	0		0	
Hire of Equipment	0		0	
Office Rent	87,688		78,725	
Rates	3,600		2,239	
Heat & Light	13,317		10,612	
Cleaning	2,479		1,801	
Premises Expenses	8,298		33,869	
Insurance	7,037		5,912	
Telephone	2,226		2,633	
Printing, Postage and Stationary	3,689		4,220	
Computer Costs	11,143		8,521	
Publicity Material	329		0	
Sundries	0		0	
Equipment purchases	5,085		1,632	
Entertainers/Workshops	2,786		3,162	
Transport/Coaches	0		0	
Ticket Costs	6,449		4,739	
Activity Costs- Other/Materials	7,838		5,299	
Food	4,415		630	
Venue Hire/Costs	1,324		864	
Staff Training	5,566		3,005	
Accountancy	2,930		2,700	
Legal Fees	0		0	
Professional Fees	5,095		4,246	
Consultancy Fees	8,454		0	
Depreciation	16,545		18,425	
Bank Charges	220		312	
Loss/(Profit) of sale of Fixed Asset	0		0	
		442,976		405,385
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		-24,488		-63,881

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1091474

Accounts

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

Registered Charity Number: 1091474

ACCOUNTS 31st March 2022

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022. They are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number	1091474
Trustees	Chairperson
	Mr S Kite
	Mrs J Tompkins
	Ms N Ward (Resigned 31/12/21)
	Ms M Titmus
	Mrs S Kite
	Ms L Meadows (Resigned 01/04/21)
	Mr S Chakrabarty (Appointed 31/01/20)
Charity Development Manager	Miss C Fonseca
Business Manager	Mrs A Collinson
Principal Address	Unit 5 Britannia Trading Estate Leagrave Road Luton Bedfordshire LU3 1RJ
Bankers	Caf Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 47Q

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity was formed as an unincorporated charity under a deed of trust adopted on 8th October 2011 and subsequently amended on 22nd February 2002. It was registered as a charity on 28th March 2002.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees, subject to approval at the following annual general meeting, which is normally held in October. At each AGM the two longest serving trustees retire but may offer themselves up for re-election.

Organisation

The names of the trustees who served during the year are set out on page 1.

Board meetings are held regularly on a bi - monthly basis, with ad hoc meetings being held as and when necessary

Day to day running of the organisation is handled by the Charity Manager, with major items of expenditure being referred to board members.

Risk Management

The trustees carry out an annual review of the risks which the charity may face, have established systems and procedures to mitigate any risks identified and minimise any potential impact should any identified risks materialise.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and activity

Improving the lives of children and young adults with physical and learning disabilities living within Bedfordshire through the provision of recreational activities, support, information and advice for these children and their families and carers.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular. The trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair of Trustees Statement

During 2021/22 the charity continued to offer high quality services to children and young adults with disabilities living across Bedfordshire, including providing support to parent carers and siblings. The charity not only re-established its existing services as we emerged from the Covid pandemic, but also introduced a new daytime adult service teaching life and independent living skills to younger adults with disabilities aged over 18.

Our Junior Respite Club for younger children became well established during the year, and fully embedded as a core service, with demand for places at this club continuing to grow throughout the year.

Our school holiday clubs have also evolved, becoming part of the local HAF programme within Bedfordshire; with our Easter, summer and Christmas clubs providing activities and healthy meals for local children with disabilities and their siblings. These family sessions continue to be very much in demand.

Plans began during the year to develop and introduce a new skills and training programme for all of our amazing support staff, and to move towards having regular staff teams working at each service who are on permanent contracts. Our aim is to help staff develop their knowledge, skills and career prospects, and to provide more consistency in the support offered to the children and young people that access our clubs and activities.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Financial Review

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Principal Funding Sources

Grant Income for the year totalled £292,599 and was made up as follows:

Unrestricted / Restricted:	£	
BBC Children in Need (main grants)	35,000	
BBC Children in Need (small grants)	10,000	
BLCF Stability Fund	10,000	
Players of People's Postcode Lottery	20,000	
Sobell Foundation	20,000	
Delamere Dairy Foundsation	3,000	
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	10,000	
DCMS Youth Investment Fund via BBC Children in Need	10,886	
Others grants and trusts	174,501	293,387
Movement in Deferred Income in the year		-788
		<u><u>292,599</u></u>

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW (*continued*)

Reserves policy

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically to ensure that the charity is able to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services. It is their policy to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers three to nine months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

As a consequence of our services having to close or be adapted during the first year of the pandemic, we ended 2020/21 with an operating surplus. This surplus has allowed us to expand our provision during 2021/22 and begin offering more services for young adults with disabilities. We launched our Adult Skills Workshops in June 2021 and extended and redesigned our kitchen facilities to provide an appropriate learning environment for teaching life and independence skills to young adults with disabilities. We also designed and funded a new social space within our activity centre specifically for our adult members. Unfortunately, during the year we also faced some significant and unanticipated building repair costs for damage to the roof of our activity centre, and some essential electrical remedial works. For all of these reasons, we ended 2021/22 with an operating deficit; however, this has not prevented us from continuing to hold six months of general reserves as required by our reserves policy.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our future plans include:

- creation of new projects;
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- Continuing the development of our activity centre.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income- donations and gift aid		957		957	8,189
Activities for generating funds:					
Fundraising events		3,178		3,178	5,642
Coffee shop income		1,763		1,763	15
Investment Income:					
Deposit account interest		-		-	-
Rent received		2,330	-	2,330	993
Incoming Resources from charitable activities:					
Grants received		26,492	266,107	292,599	401,408
Other income		40,677		40,677	67,356
Total Incoming Resources		75,397	266,107	341,504	483,603
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	2	9,002		9,002	6,102
Charitable activities	2	85,238	308,445	393,683	322,415
Governance costs	2	2,700		2,700	2,700
Total Resources Expended	2	96,940	308,445	405,385	331,217
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the year					
		(21,543)	(42,338)	(63,881)	152,386
Balance at 1st April 2021		240,986	44,593	285,579	133,193
Balance at 31st March 2022		219,443	2,255	221,698	285,579

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st MARCH 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3	67,448	73,034
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	3,179	6,679
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>215,011</u>	<u>267,338</u>
		218,191	274,017
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>63,940</u>	<u>61,472</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>154,250</u>	<u>212,545</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		221,698	285,579
NET ASSETS		<u>221,698</u>	<u>285,579</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted:			
Designated		0	0
General		219,443	240,986
Restricted	6	<u>2,255</u>	<u>44,593</u>
		221,698	285,579

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..... and were signed on their behalf by:

.....
Mr S Kite

CHAIRPERSON

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

2 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Basis of Allocation	Generating Funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities	Actual					
Staff Costs		0	198,815	0	198,815	176,011
Fundraising		9,002	0	0	9,002	6,102
Direct Activity Costs		0	14,695	0	14,695	12,003
Equipment Hire/Purchases		0	1,632	0	1,632	921
Other Staff Costs and Expenses		0	4,023	0	4,023	1,078
Volunteer Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Trustee Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Training		0	3,005	0	3,005	463
Publicity Materials		0	0	0	0	0
Consultancy		0	0	0	0	0
Professional		0	4,246	0	4,246	0
Legal Fees		0	0	0	0	0
Accountancy		0	0	2,700	2,700	2,700
Bank Charges		0	312	0	312	208
Sundries		0	0	0	0	0
		9,002	226,727	2,700	238,429	199,485
Support Costs Allocated to Activities						
Premises	Floor Area	0	127,245	0	127,245	92,741
General Office Costs	Useage	0	18,653	0	18,653	18,601
Communications	Useage	0	2,633	0	2,633	2,972
Depreciation	Useage	0	18,425	0	18,425	17,417
		0	166,956	0	166,956	131,732
Total resources expended		9,002	393,683	2,700	405,385	331,217

Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries	189,290	168,293
Social Security Costs	7,474	6,108
Stakeholder Pension Costs	2,051	1,610
Recruitment Costs	0	0
	<u>198,815</u>	<u>176,011</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The number of employees, analysed by function was:

	Number	Number
Charitable Activities	76	73
Fundraising	1	1
Management and Administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

None of the trustees received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2021-nil).

The trustees claimed no expenses during the year (2021 - NIL)

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Leasehold Improvements £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 2021	132,415	45,792	29,888	19,737	19,865	247,697
Additions	6,600	-	4,313	1,926	-	12,839
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2022	139,015	45,792	34,201	21,663	19,865	260,536
DEPRECIATION						
Balance at 1 April 2021	98,296	30,901	15,460	14,953	15,054	174,663
Charge for the period	8,145	3,723	4,158	1,196	1,203	18,425
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2022	106,441	34,624	19,618	16,149	16,256	193,088
NET BOOK VALUE						
As at 31 March 2022	32,574	11,169	14,583	5,515	3,608	67,448
As at 31 March 2021	34,119	14,891	14,428	4,785	4,811	73,034

4 DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Debtors	1,886	1,736
Prepayments	1,293	4,942
	<u>3,179</u>	<u>6,679</u>

5 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	11,770	8,760
Accruals	2,700	2,700
Taxation and Social Security	52	1,376
Other Creditors	1,238	1,243
Deferred Income	48,180	47,391
	<u>63,940</u>	<u>61,472</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

6 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 31st March 2021 £	Movement in Resources		Balance at 31st March 2022 £
		Incoming	Outgoing	
Robert McAlpine	10,000	-	(10,000)	0
Mrs B L Robinson Charitable Trust	3,000	-	(3,000)	0
DCR Allen Charitable Trust	5,000	-	(5,000)	0
Hadley Trust	6,004	-	(6,004)	0
Beds & Luton Community Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)	0
Brian Murtagh	5,000	-	(5,000)	0
National Lottery	10,000	-	(10,000)	0
Strageward Trust	589	-	(589)	0
Holiday Club	0	(51,423)	(51,423)	0
Senior Respite Club	0	(97,011)	(94,756)	2,255
Junior Respite Club	0	(52,168)	(52,168)	0
Youth Club	0	(21,361)	(21,361)	0
Young Adult Club	0	(22,070)	(22,070)	0
Trips & Parties	0	(3,489)	(3,489)	0
Adult Skills Workshops	0	(18,585)	(18,585)	0
	<u>44,593</u>	<u>266,107</u>	<u>(308,445)</u>	<u>2,255</u>

These funds represent grants received by the charity for particular purposes and projects.

7 DESIGNATED FUNDS	2022 £	2021 £
At 1st April 2021	0	0
Movement in year	0	0
At 31st March 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds were being held for a new building and development. The funds were released during 2015/16 into general funding for projects and services.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 any reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

**Victoria Moulds FFA FIPA
MOULDS & CO LIMITED
Chartered Accountants**

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	2022		2021
	£		£
Income			
Donations	957		8,189
Grants	292,599		401,408
User Fees	38,408		9,102
Trips/Tickets	2,219		326
Fundraising Events	3,178		5,642
Coffee shop Income	1,763		15
Deposit Account Interest	0		0
Rent Received	2,330		993
Other Income	50		57,928
Total Income	<u>341,504</u>		<u>483,603</u>
Expenses			
Fundraising, Marketing & PR	9,002		6,102
Wages	198,815		176,011
Motor Expenses	3,539		818
Other Staff Expenses	485		260
Volunteer Expenses	0		0
Trustees Expenses	0		0
Hire of Equipment	0		0
Office Rent	78,725		78,298
Rates	2,239		0
Heat & Light	10,612		6,496
Cleaning	1,801		3,723
Premises Expenses	33,869		4,225
Insurance	5,912		6,256
Telephone	2,633		2,972
Printing, Postage and Stationary	4,220		4,480
Computer Costs	8,521		7,865
Publicity Material	0		0
Sundries	0		0
Equipment purchases	1,632		921
Entertainers/Workshops	3,162		215
Transport/Coaches	0		0
Ticket Costs	4,739		0
Activity Costs- Other/Materials	5,299		11,788
Food	630		0
Venue Hire/Costs	864		0
Staff Training	3,005		463
Accountancy	2,700		2,700
Legal Fees	0		0
Professional Fees	4,246		0
Consultancy Fees	0		0
Depreciation	18,425		17,417
Bank Charges	312		208
Loss/(Profit) of sale of Fixed Asset	0		0
	<u>405,385</u>		<u>331,217</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u>-63,881</u>		<u>152,386</u>

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1091474

Accounts

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

Registered Charity Number: 1091474

ACCOUNTS
31st March 2021

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ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. They are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number	1091474
Trustees	Chairperson Chairperson
	Mr S Kite Mrs J Blair-Stuart resigned 31/07/2020 Ms L Ellis resigned 13/05/2020 Mrs J Tompkins Ms N Ward Ms M Titmus Ms S Morgan Ms L Meadows
Charity Development Manager	Miss C Fonseca
Business Manager	Mrs A Collinson
Principal Address	Unit 5 Britannia Trading Estate Leagrave Road Luton Bedfordshire LU3 1RJ
Bankers	Caf Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 47Q

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity was formed as an unincorporated charity under a deed of trust adopted on 8th October 2011 and subsequently amended on 22nd February 2002. It was registered as a charity on 28th March 2002.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees, subject to approval at the following annual general meeting, which is normally held in October. At each AGM the two longest serving trustees retire but may offer themselves up for re-election.

Organisation

The names of the trustees who served during the year are set out on page 1.

Board meetings are held regularly on a bi - monthly basis, with ad hoc meetings being held as and when necessary

Day to day running of the organisation is handled by the Charity Manager, with major items of expenditure being referred to board members.

Risk Management

The trustees carry out an annual review of the risks which the charity may face, have established systems and procedures to mitigate any risks identified and minimise any potential impact should any identified risks materialise.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and activity

Improving the lives of children and young adults with physical and learning disabilities living within Bedfordshire through the provision of recreational activities, support, information and advice for these children and their families and carers.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular. The trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair of Trustees Statement

FUN has continued to offer high quality services for disabled children, young adults, and their families and carers, living in Bedfordshire. Due to Covid 19 the charity has faced many challenges to provide the right level of support and services to our members. Clubs such as youth clubs, young adult clubs, respite, and holiday clubs were taken online, with activity boxes sent to members at home. Then when it was safe to do so, they were brought back to 'headquarters', with additional safeguarding, and taking account of relevant government guidance.

Despite the difficulties of getting through the pandemic, this year we have increased the age range of our services.

We now offer our respite provision to children from the age of 4. This new junior respite club, along with the more established senior respite club, are very much in demand, and provided a much-needed break to our members and their families and carers.

We have also been very excited to launch our Adult Skills Workshops, which aim to help develop skills for those young adults wishing to increase their day-to-day life skills to aid them to live more independently. These services also continue to be very much in demand.

We have a reliable and enthusiastic team of experienced staff, both in and out of the office, who have gone above and beyond, in these difficult times, to ensure that the charity continues to operate with fiscal responsibility, and connect with the members, providing the best support possible.

Our Board of Trustees meet on a regular basis, to ensure that the Charity has good governance and oversight, and to help drive the charity forward.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Financial Review

The results of the charity for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7. Overall the Charity had a surplus for the year of £152,386

Principal Funding Sources

Grant Income for the year totalled £401,408 and was made up as follows:

Unrestricted / Restricted:	£	
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	10,000	
29th May 1961 Charity	3,000	
Sobell Foundation	20,000	
BBC Children in Need (main grants)	35,000	
BBC Children in Need (small grants)	10,000	
BBC Children in Need (crisis grants)	3,000	
National Lottery Coronavirus Community Support Fund	9,550	
Rank Foundation Limited	3,000	
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	24,000	
Didymus CIO	4,000	
Others grants and trusts	234,110	355,660
Movement in Deferred Income in the year		42,748
		<u>398,408</u>

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW *(continued)*

Reserves policy

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically to ensure that the charity is able to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services. It is their policy to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers three to nine months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

As a consequence of having restricted in-person activities during the Covid-19 crisis and the temporary move to online services, we have been able to both offset the previous year's deficit and also meet our target of increasing our reserves to 6-months of operating costs. Holding this more secure level of reserves will protect the resilience of the Charity into the longer term, allowing us to better meet the expected increases in demand for our services once lockdown restrictions are removed, and putting us in a better position to weather any future potential reductions in income in the aftermath of the pandemic.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our future plans include:

- creation of new projects;
- expanding the scope of existing projects and their geographical locations.
- Continuing the development of our activity centre.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those accounts, 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the charity will continue operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, Statements of Recommended Practice and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on behalf of the board by:



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Mr S Kite
CHAIRPERSON

Unit 5
Britannia Trading Estate
Leagrave Road
Luton
Bedfordshire
LU3 1RJ

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income- donations and gift aid		8,189		8,189	502
Activities for generating funds:					
Fundraising events		5,642		5,642	15,610
Coffee shop income		15		15	2,269
Investment Income:					
Deposit account interest		-		-	-
Rent received		993	-	993	7,203
Incoming Resources from charitable activities:					
Grants received		378,908	22,500	401,408	213,933
Other income		67,356		67,356	39,928
Total Incoming Resources		461,103	22,500	483,603	279,444
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	2	6,102		6,102	9,488
Charitable activities	2	297,145	25,270	322,415	308,018
Governance costs	2	2,700		2,700	2,846
Total Resources Expended	2	305,947	25,270	331,217	320,353
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the year		155,156	(2,770)	152,386	(40,909)
Balance at 1st April 2020		85,830	47,363	133,193	174,102
Balance at 31st March 2021		240,986	44,593	285,579	133,193

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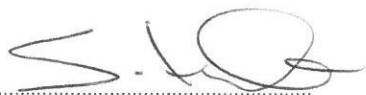
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3	73,034	67,973
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	6,679	5,040
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>267,338</u>	<u>147,682</u>
		274,017	152,722
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>61,472</u>	<u>87,502</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>212,545</u>	<u>65,220</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>285,579</u>	<u>133,193</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>285,579</u>	<u>133,193</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted:			
Designated		0	0
General		240,986	85,830
Restricted	6	<u>44,593</u>	<u>47,363</u>
		<u>285,579</u>	<u>133,193</u>

The accounts on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees on

26-11-21 and were signed on their behalf by:



Mr S Kite
CHAIRPERSON

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(d) Resources expended

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FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

2 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Basis of Allocation	Generating Funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities						
Staff Costs	Actual	0	176,011	0	176,011	159,285
Fundraising		6,102	0	0	6,102	9,488
Direct Activity Costs		0	12,003	0	12,003	13,495
Equipment Hire/Purchases		0	921	0	921	3,813
Other Staff Costs and Expenses		0	1,078	0	1,078	3,362
Volunteer Expenses		0	0	0	0	17
Trustee Expenses		0	0	0	0	146
Training		0	463	0	463	0
Publicity Materials		0	0	0	0	0
Consultancy		0	0	0	0	93
Professional		0	0	0	0	284
Legal Fees		0	0	0	0	0
Accountancy		0	0	2,700	2,700	2,700
Bank Charges		0	208	0	208	180
Sundries		0	0	0	0	0
		6,102	190,683	2,700	199,485	192,865
Support Costs Allocated to Activities						
Premises	Floor Area	0	92,741	0	92,741	88,834
General Office Costs	Useage	0	18,601	0	18,601	13,036
Communications	Useage	0	2,972	0	2,972	3,582
Depreciation	Useage	0	17,417	0	17,417	22,036
		0	131,732	0	131,732	127,488
Total resources expended		6,102	322,415	2,700	331,217	320,353

Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries	168,293	151,949
Social Security Costs	6,108	5,799
Stakeholder Pension Costs	1,610	1,536
Recruitment Costs	0	0
	<u>176,011</u>	<u>159,285</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The number of employees, analysed by function was:

	Number	Number
Charitable Activities	73	65
Fundraising	1	1
Management and Administration	5	5

None of the trustees received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2020-nil).

The trustees claimed no expenses during the year (2020 - NIL)

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3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Leasehold Improvements £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 2020	132,415	-	22,301	19,737	19,865	194,318
Additions	-	45,792	7,587	-	-	53,379
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	132,415	45,792	29,888	19,737	19,865	247,697
DEPRECIATION						
Balance at 1 April 2020	87,436	-	12,101	13,358	13,450	126,345
Charge for the period	10,860	30,901	3,359	1,595	1,604	48,318
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	98,296	30,901	15,460	14,953	15,054	174,663
NET BOOK VALUE						
As at 31 March 2021	34,119	14,891	14,428	4,785	4,811	73,034
As at 31 March 2020	44,978	-	10,200	6,380	6,415	67,973

4 DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Debtors	1,736	1,058
Prepayments	4,942	3,982
	<u>6,679</u>	<u>5,040</u>

5 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	8,760	8,059
Accruals	2,700	2,700
Taxation and Social Security	1,376	0
Other Creditors	1,243	1,495
Deferred Income	47,391	75,248
	<u>61,472</u>	<u>87,502</u>

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6 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 31st March 2020 £	Movement in Resources		Balance at 31st March 2021 £
		Incoming	Outgoing	
Robert McAlpine	10,000	-	-	10,000
Mrs B L Robinson Charitable Trust	3,000	-	-	3,000
DCR Allen Charitable Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000
Hadley Trust	10,000	-	(3,996)	6,004
Wixamtree	10,000	-	(10,000)	0
Beds & Luton Community Fund	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000
House of Industry	4,363	-	(4,363)	0
Brian Murtagh	0	5,000	-	5,000
National Lottery	0	10,000	-	10,000
Strageward Trust	0	2,500	(1,911)	589
	<u>47,363</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>(25,270)</u>	<u>44,593</u>

These funds represent grants received by the charity for particular purposes and projects.

7 DESIGNATED FUNDS	2021 £	2020 £
At 1st April 2020	0	0
Movement in year	0	0
At 31st March 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds were being held for a new building and development. The funds were released during 2015/16 into general funding for projects and services.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 any reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Donations	8,189	502
Grants	401,408	213,933
User Fees	9,102	37,236
Trips/Tickets	326	2,692
Fundraising Events	5,642	15,610
Coffee shop Income	15	2,269
Deposit Account Interest	0	0
Rent Received	993	7,203
Other Income	57,928	0
Total Income	483,603	279,444
Expenses		
Fundraising, Marketing & PR	6,102	9,488
Wages	176,011	159,285
Motor Expenses	818	2,708
Other Staff Expenses	260	654
Volunteer Expenses	0	17
Trustees Expenses	0	146
Hire of Equipment	0	0
Office Rent	78,298	71,302
Rates	0	2,404
Heat & Light	6,496	8,797
Cleaning	3,723	2,978
Premises Expenses	4,225	3,354
Insurance	6,256	1,785
Telephone	2,972	3,582
Printing, Postage and Stationary	4,480	3,674
Computer Costs	7,865	7,576
Publicity Material	0	0
Sundries	0	0
Equipment purchases	921	3,942
Entertainers/Workshops	215	2,357
Transport/Coaches	0	0
Ticket Costs	0	6,862
Activity Costs- Other/Materials	11,788	2,812
Food	0	65
Venue Hire/Costs	0	1,399
Staff Training	463	0
Accountancy	2,700	2,700
Legal Fees	0	0
Professional Fees	0	284
Consultancy Fees	0	93
Depreciation	17,417	22,036
Bank Charges	208	180
Loss/(Profit) of sale of Fixed Asset	0	-128
	331,217	320,353
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	152,386	-40,909