



# **Families United (Warrington)**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2025**

# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity from 22/04/2004  
Number: 1097146

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The Gateway  
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Independent Examiner  
Voisey & Co LLP  
chartered Accountants  
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## Trustees

Dr L Edwards

Ms R staff

Mrs L V Price      Resigned August 2025

Mrs v James      Resigned May 2025

mr J Uttley      Death july 2024

Mr S Dolley      Death June 2025

Miss M Aspinall    appointed    19/08/25

I Taylor            appointed    19/08/25

A Shewan           appointed    19/08/25

Ms S Johnson      appointed    19/08/25

Mrs m Turner      appointed    20/11/25



# Board of Trustees Report statement

*The trustees proudly present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).*

Dr lisa edwards

Chair of trustees





# Charity aims and objectives

**The aim of the charity during the year under review is to create positive opportunities and participation for young people with disabilities, their families, and their carers.**

**The objectives and aim of the charity are reviewed annually to ensure they remain focused on the charity's stated purpose. We regularly gain feedback from families to ensure the opportunities we offer provide health and social related benefits to our families.**

**In reviewing our objectives and planning future activities, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.**

**Some of the charity's future plans include thorough impact reporting against our aims and objectives. We will be in a position to complete this once the CRM and data management system is operational from summer 2026.**





# Achievement and performance

**The trustees are pleased with the charity's performance during the year ended 31 March 2025. The charity has continued to provide meaningful and impactful activities for children with disabilities and their families and has expanded its overall offer.**

**During the year, the charity received £92,113 in grant income, enabling an expansion of activities and the delivery of more impactful services to the families we support.**

**The charity maintained its regular core offer throughout the year, including:**

**Monthly FUN Club sessions at the Warrington Play and Sensory Centre  
Puddle Project sessions  
Weekly sports activities**

**These activities provide vital opportunities for play, relaxation, and physical activity, addressing a significant lack of accessible provision in the local area and supporting physical development and cognitive skills.**

# Achievement and performance

The charity also continued to deliver HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) clubs during the summer and winter holiday periods. This programme addresses the shortage of accessible holiday provision for children with disabilities and includes the provision of meals, helping to reduce pressure on families. In addition, the charity delivered a Barstondale adventure and activity day with transport provided.

Other activities delivered during the year included:

Sensory centre FUN Clubs

Puddle Project sessions

Male parent carer support groups

Parent coffee chats

Space centre sessions

Farm and zoo visits

Art classes

Swimming sessions

Gulliver's Land of Lights visit



A major achievement during the year was the charity's success in securing a National Lottery Reaching Communities grant, focused on capacity building over the next five years. The year 2024–2025 represents year one of this grant. As a result, the charity is preparing to recruit a Chief Executive Officer and a Families and Events Officer to work alongside the existing Fundraiser. The charity has also strengthened relationships with new corporate supporters and a grant-making organisation operating both nationally and internationally, which is expected to provide long-term benefit.

Membership continues to be criteria led (include residence within a WA postcode area and having a child with a formal diagnosis or on the pathway to diagnosis) Trustees approve membership applications and maintain a database of current members.

# Future plans

**Priorities for the coming year include the successful recruitment and induction of the two new roles funded by the National Lottery Reaching Communities grant. The charity also plans to begin development of a new website and the implementation of a CRM system. Strengthening governance remains a key priority, with a focus on developing and supporting the board of trustees.**

**The Charity also aims to conduct a family consultation focussing on activities and opportunities to ensure we continue to provide activities that meet the needs of those we serve.**



# Financial Review

## Principal funding sources

**The majority of the charity's income during the year was derived from grants. These funds are restricted by donors for expenditure on specific projects and are released to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.**

**The Statement of Financial Activities reports a deficit for the year under review.**

**During the year under review the statement of Financial Activities reports a surplus in the year for the charity.**

## Reserves policy

**The charity's income continues to be largely grant-funded. The trustees' reserves policy is to hold approximately one year's running costs in unrestricted funds.**

**The trustees are satisfied that, with tight control over expenditure, the unrestricted funds held at 31 March 2025 are sufficient to meet running costs for the coming financial year.**

**The level of reserves held at the bank balance sheet date amounted to £66,880 (2024 £23,196)**

**Free reserves account: £17,058 (2024 £12,275)**



# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT



## Governing document

The charity is governed by a deed of trust and constitutes as an unincorporated charity.

## Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The opportunity to stand as a trustee or raise objections to the performance of an existing trustee is offered at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM, existing trustees confirm whether they wish to continue in post. New trustees are proposed and seconded at this meeting, and roles are agreed at the first committee meeting following the AGM.

## Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed and approved on behalf of the Board of trustees

*Lisa Edwards*

Lisa Edwards

Chair of trustees

22/01/2026



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Families United (Warrington)**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Families United (Warrington)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Families United (Warrington) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Jonathan Urmston BA ACA

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Date: 26th January 2026

**Families United (Warrington)**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		62,617	36,015	98,632	56,080
Investment income	2	219	-	219	183
<b>Total</b>		<u>62,836</u>	<u>36,015</u>	<u>98,851</u>	<u>56,263</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		31,431	23,736	55,167	57,384
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>31,405</u>	<u>12,279</u>	<u>43,684</u>	<u>(1,121)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		14,307	8,889	23,196	24,317
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>45,712</u>	<u>21,168</u>	<u>66,880</u>	<u>23,196</u>

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**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	146	-	146	195
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		46,613	21,168	67,781	23,960
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,047)	-	(1,047)	(959)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>45,566</u>	<u>21,168</u>	<u>66,734</u>	<u>23,001</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>45,712</u>	<u>21,168</u>	<u>66,880</u>	<u>23,196</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>45,712</u></u>	<u><u>21,168</u></u>	<u><u>66,880</u></u>	<u><u>23,196</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8				
Unrestricted funds				45,712	14,307
Restricted funds				21,168	8,889
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>66,880</u></u>	<u><u>23,196</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd January 2026  
and were signed on its behalf by:

 **L Edwards**  
.....  
L Edwards - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, rounded to the nearest £.

**Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**Income**

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

Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has entitlement.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Raising funds**

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

**Governance costs**

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements and support costs.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

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



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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	219	183
	<u>219</u>	<u>183</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	1	1
Administrative staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**5. GRANTS**

Grants received include:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Cheshire Community Foundation Arts Council		
England	4,000	4,000
The Zochonis Charitable Trust	1,680	3,000
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	19,542	5,000
Sellafield Grant	-	5,000
Stockton Heath Parish Council	-	5,000
Grappenhall Parish Council	-	250
National Lottery Local Collections	23,968	-
Felicity Burns School of Dance	1,800	-
Amazon Europe	-	24
Torus Foundation	1,000	500
Warrington Community Trust	-	533
Inventya	500	-
British Science Association	500	-
Birchwood Parish Council	150	400
Essar Oil (UK)	1,000	-
Groundwork	1,125	-
The Edward Gostling Trsut	-	4,500
Omega	3,000	-
Bauer Radio - cash for kids	2,400	-
ALPKIT Foundation	-	250
Foyle Foundation	5,000	-
Masonic Charitable	3,798	3,798

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**5. GRANTS - continued**

Sport England Fun Fitness	7,200	-
Warrington Borough Council	-	960
Others	4,270	-
HAF Funding	16,046	16,765
	<u>96,979</u>	<u>45,431</u>

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>3,201</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>3,842</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	3,038	609	3,647
Charge for year	<u>41</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>49</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,079</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>3,696</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>122</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>146</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>163</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>195</u>

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	41	-
Accrued expenses	<u>1,006</u>	<u>959</u>
	<u>1,047</u>	<u>959</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	14,307	31,405	45,712
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Fun Club	4,398	(4,398)	-
Holiday Activity Fund	4,491	3,684	8,175
Funtastic Athletics	-	12,993	12,993
	<u>8,889</u>	<u>12,279</u>	<u>21,168</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>23,196</u>	<u>43,684</u>	<u>66,880</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	62,836	(31,431)	31,405
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Fun Club	-	(4,398)	(4,398)
Holiday Activity Fund	16,047	(12,363)	3,684
Funtastic Athletics	19,968	(6,975)	12,993
	<u>36,015</u>	<u>(23,736)</u>	<u>12,279</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>98,851</u>	<u>(55,167)</u>	<u>43,684</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	21,535	(7,228)	14,307
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Swim and Sports	2,782	(2,782)	-
Fun Club	-	4,398	4,398
Holiday Activity Fund	-	4,491	4,491
	<u>2,782</u>	<u>6,107</u>	<u>8,889</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>24,317</u>	<u>(1,121)</u>	<u>23,196</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,505	(37,733)	(7,228)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Swim and Sports	3,992	(6,774)	(2,782)
Fun Club	5,000	(602)	4,398
Holiday Activity Fund	16,766	(12,275)	4,491
	<u>25,758</u>	<u>(19,651)</u>	<u>6,107</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>56,263</u>	<u>(57,384)</u>	<u>(1,121)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	21,535	24,177	45,712
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Swim and Sports	2,782	(2,782)	-
Holiday Activity Fund	-	8,175	8,175
Funtastic Athletics	-	12,993	12,993
	<u>2,782</u>	<u>18,386</u>	<u>21,168</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>24,317</u>	<u>42,563</u>	<u>66,880</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	93,341	(69,164)	24,177
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Swim and Sports	3,992	(6,774)	(2,782)
Fun Club	5,000	(5,000)	-
Holiday Activity Fund	32,813	(24,638)	8,175
Funtastic Athletics	19,968	(6,975)	12,993
	<u>61,773</u>	<u>(43,387)</u>	<u>18,386</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>155,114</u>	<u>(112,551)</u>	<u>42,563</u>



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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year ended 31 March 2025 £6,821(2024 £12,411) was paid to 'Sportsworks (Manchester & Cheshire) Limited' for the provision of activities and swim sessions. Jon Uttley is a director of this company.

Three of the Trustees have disabled children who are members and participate in the charity's activities.

There were no other related party transaction for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**10. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**Swim and Sports**

This fund relates to the provision of activities and swim sessions at Sportsworks

**Holiday Activity Fund**

This fund relates to the provision of school holiday activities.

**Funtastic Athletics**

This fund relates to the provision of athletics sessions.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	308	2,336
Grants	92,113	45,430
Member Event Contribution	4,280	3,792
Fundraising	1,931	4,522
	<hr/> 98,632	<hr/> 56,080
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	219	183
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	98,851	56,263
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages	4,341	4,134
Trips and Activities	36,074	34,037
Sportsworks	6,821	12,452
Plant and machinery	41	54
	<hr/> 47,277	<hr/> 50,677
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Wages	4,341	4,135
Telephone	187	369
Accountancy and legal fees	1,691	1,305
Travel	509	404
Payroll costs	263	238
Bank charges	95	65
Subscriptions & donations	796	180
Fixtures and fittings	8	11
	<hr/> 7,890	<hr/> 6,707
Total resources expended	55,167	57,384
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<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	43,684	(1,121)
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