CHAT CHILDREN'S RESPITE

England & Wales · Charity number 1101292

Details

Other names	CHAT (CHILDREN HEALTH AND THERAPY)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2003-12-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Booker School Stoke Leys Close Aylesbury HP21 9ET
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF FAMILIES IN THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AREA WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS BY FUNDING SHORT-TERM RESPITE CARE, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Activities: CHAT supports families in Buckinghamshire with children who have special needs by funding short-term respite care, equipment and facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BUCKINGHAMPSHIRE
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£12,540	£53,842	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,068	£53,927	-	-
2023-03-31	£113,380	£42,106	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,764	£33,165	-	-
2021-03-31	£25,648	£30,891	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Denise Andree Summers		2016-06-14
MRS JAN TUBMAN		
Nicholas James Clifford		2016-06-14
Pauline Roberts		2016-06-14
RAJ WALI KHAN		

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31st March 2023

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Address:
CHAT Office,
Booker Park School
Stoke Leys Close
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Trustees
The trustees who served during the year were:
Raj Khan – President
Denise Summers – Chairman
Janet Tubman – Secretary
Nicholas Clifford - Treasurer
Susan Severn (resigned 24th January 2023)
Adrian Schwab (resigned 24th January 2023)
Pauline Roberts

Structure, governance and management
The charity is governed by a declaration of Trust which was made on 24th June 2003. Supplemental Deeds have been passed to amend the objects of the charity, the latest of which is detailed below.

The trustees are appointed following a special resolution of the trustees and passed at a special meeting. The trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Day to day responsibility for managing the charity and fundraising is delegated to two part-time employees.

Objectives and activities
The objectives of the charity as set out in a Deed of 29th November 2017 are: To promote the relief of families in the Buckinghamshire area with children who have special needs by funding short-term respite care, equipment and facilities.

Applications for grants are received directly from families requiring short term care. The family is able to choose their own carer or activity for their child.

Public Benefit Statement
The trustees confirm that in making grants during the year they paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The charity helps children in Buckinghamshire without any bias regarding their age, sex or ethnicity.

Grants are offered on a needs basis rather than being means tested and they are therefore available to all families irrespective of their background.

The families helped by CHAT have children who suffer from various illnesses including Cerebral Palsy, Global Developmental Delay, Autism, ADHD, Epilepsy, Visual and Hearing impairments. The families find that round the clock care required by their children puts enormous pressure on them, their relationships and other family members.

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Achievements and performance
During the COVID-19 pandemic a new style of grant was introduced whereby families are required to find a carer whom CHAT then funds. CHAT recognises that respite care can take many forms and we now give grants for activities as well as traditional home-care. CHAT enabled children to attend gym sessions, drumming sessions, after-school and holiday clubs, and therapeutic animal farms. It is lovely to hear about the benefit of these sessions on the child's confidence, well-being and development.

CHAT also sponsored 4 families to go away on a 2-night stay to Thomley where they stayed in beautiful and well-equipped camping pods. A party was enjoyed by families in January 2023.

Grants worth £20,700 were awarded to families in the year.

The charity received £102,332 from trusts and foundations whose names are listed in the accounts. CHAT was fortunate to receive substantial grants from Barratt Developments as well as Buckinghamshire Council.

The charity has prepared Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year. Income in the year totalled £113,380 and expenditure totalled £42,106.

At 31st March 2023 the charity held funds in both current and deposit bank accounts totalling £137,375. Of this £6,900 was restricted. Committed grants made by CHAT for respite care which have not been utilised by the year end amounted to £10,719. Net reserves at the year-end were £126,656.

Reserves
The trustees endeavour to hold unrestricted reserves at a level sufficient to continue basic expenditure for one year and this target has been met at the year end. The reserves will also be used to continue the charity's core objectives. The substantial grants noted above were received shortly before the year end and so the charity starts the new financial year in a comfortable position and will look at further initiatives to benefit Buckinghamshire families with children who have special needs.

CHAT receives no guaranteed funding and relies solely on donations, community fundraising events and grants from grant giving organisations.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: ……...Name: Nicholas Clifford

Signature: ……...Name: Janet Tubman

Date: 9th October 2023

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of

CHAT children's respite

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: Date: 9th October 2023

L. A. Orchard FCA

4 The Green, Mill Bank
Fladbury, WR10 2QA

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Receipts				
Donations & grants	**88,747**	**22,900**	**111,647**	14,439
Fundraising	**1,603**		**1,603**	2,195
Grant - COVID Job Retention Scheme	**0**		**0**	7,117
Interest	**130**		**130**	13
Total Receipts	**90,480**	**22,900**	**113,380**	23,764
Payments				
Grants paid & charitable activities	**553**	**13,333**	**13,886**	6,935
Salaries & pensions	**21,412**	**2,667**	**24,079**	24,079
Fundraising costs	**1,815**		**1,815**	1,053
Insurance	**452**		**452**	680
Office expenses	**1,569**		**1,569**	113
Phone	**60**		**60**	60
Professional fees	**245**		**245**	245
Total Payments	**26,106**	**16,000**	**42,106**	**33,165**
Net Receipts/(payments)	**64,374**	**6,900**	**71,274**	**-9,401**
Transfers between funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Cash funds last year end	**66,101**	**0**	**66,101**	75,502
Cash funds this year end	**130,475**	**6,900**	**137,375**	66,101

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash Funds			
Deposit Accounts	118,011	0	118,011
Current Account	12,464	6,900	19,364
	130,475	6,900	137,375
Other Monetary Assets			
Gift Aid Claim	0	0	0
less			
Care authorised but not yet delivered	5,719	5,000	10,719
	-5,719	-5,000	-10,719
Net Monetary Assets	124,756	1,900	126,656

Fixed Assets retained for the charity's own use

Office furniture	**unrestricted**
Computer equipment	**unrestricted**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature	**Name**
	Nicholas Clifford
	Janet Tubman

Date of Approval: **9th October 2023**

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Notes to the accounts
For the year from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Restricted Funds	**Balance at 1st April 2022 £**	**Received £**	**Paid £**	**Balance at 31st March 2023**
Grants for specific respite care	**0**	**22,900**	**16,000**	**6,900**

Grants Received
Grants and donations were received from the following trusts and organisations during the year:

Admiral Cards
Barratt Developments
Bedfordshire & Luton Foundation
Buckinghamshire Council - Community Boards
German Lutheran Church of St Albans / Luton
The R Callingham Foundation
Winslow Show

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Applications for care grants are received directly from families requiring short term care for their child. On approval of the application the charity either introduces the family to a local care or nursing agency or makes arrangements to use an agency already familiar to the family and the child.

All grant applications are considered by the trustees and if appropriate, the grants are awarded.

Public Benefit Statement

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Achievements and performance

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The charity's operations were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Because of social distancing regulations it was impossible for many carers to perform their duties, also many families were self-isolating and could not mix with others from outside the household. Consequently, the charity was semi-dormant for most of the financial year. CHAT paid for 249 hours of respite care during the year. Grants were awarded in the year for 350 hours. At the year-end there were 1015 hours of care granted in this year and the previous year, which had yet to be delivered. At the year-end there was a long waiting list of applications which are yet to be considered.

The charity received £8,000 from trusts and foundations whose names are listed in the accounts, these were granted in the previous year but received at the start of this year. Because of the pandemic, no community fundraising events were possible.

The charity has prepared Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year. Income in the year totalled £25,648 which includes £16,551 received under the government's COVID Job Retention Scheme. Expenditure totalled £30,891.

At 31st March 2021 the charity held funds in both current and deposit bank accounts totalling £75,502 of which, £1,027 is restricted and the balance is unrestricted. Committed grants made by CHAT for respite care which have not been utilised by the year end amounted to £ 20,300. Net reserves at the year-end were £55,244.

Reserves

The trustees endeavour to hold unrestricted reserves at a level sufficient to continue basic expenditure for one year and this target has been met at the year end. The reserves will also be used to continue the charity's core objectives. The charity starts the new financial year on a firm footing; however, the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing and it is likely to take some time for the charity to resume its normal service. We are hopeful that this will happen soon.

CHAT receives no statutory or guaranteed funding and relies solely on donations, community fundraising events and grants from grant giving organisations.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: ……...Name: Nicholas Clifford

Signature: ……...Name: Janet Tubman

Date: 16th September 2021

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to the Trustees of

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

Signed: Date: 20th September 2021

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Receipts				
Donations & grants	**3,499**	**5,000**	**8,499**	35,414
Fundraising	**579**		**579**	6,236
Grant - COVID Job Retention Scheme	**16,551**		**16,551**	0
Interest	**19**		**19**	29
Total Receipts	**20,648**	**5,000**	**25,648**	41,679
Payments				
Grants paid & charitable activities	**36**	**4,978**	**5,014**	24,976
Salaries & pensions	**23,509**	**1,495**	**25,004**	25,633
Fundraising events	**0**		**0**	1,966
Insurance	**463**		**463**	462
Computer costs	**70**		**70**	1,282
Office expenses	**35**		**35**	100
Phone	**60**		**60**	75
Print post & stationery	**0**		**0**	212
Professional fees	**245**		**245**	216
Total Payments	**24,418**	**6,473**	**30,891**	**54,922**
Net Receipts/(payments)	**-3,770**	**-1,473**	**-5,243**	**-13,243**
Transfers between funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Cash funds last year end	**78,245**	**2,500**	**80,745**	93,988
Cash funds this year end	**74,475**	**1,027**	**75,502**	80,745

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash Funds			
Deposit Accounts	50,011	0	50,011
Current Account	24,464	1,027	25,491
	74,475	1,027	75,502
Other Monetary Assets			
Gift Aid Claim	42	0	42
less			
Care authorised but not yet delivered	19,273	1,027	20,300
	-19,231	-1,027	-20,258
Net Monetary Assets	55,244	0	55,244

Fixed Assets retained for the charity's own use

Office furniture	**unrestricted**
Computer equipment	**unrestricted**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature	**Name**
	Nicholas Clifford
	Janet Tubman

Date of Approval: **16th September 2021**

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Notes to the accounts
For the year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Restricted Funds	**Balance at 1st April 2020 £**	**Received £**	**Paid £**	**Balance at 31st March 2021**
Grants for specific respite care	2,500	5,000	6,473	1,027
	2,500	5,000	6,473	1,027

Grants Received
Grants and donations were received from the following trusts and organisations during the year:

Anson Charitable Trust
The Edward Gostling Foundation