

THE SOUTHAMPTON FOSTER CARERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1137351

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-08-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The objectives of the Association shall be for the public benefit to advance education and to protect and preserve the good health of foster carers and the children in their care within the Southampton and surrounding area in particular, but not exclusively, by: a) Promoting the provision of high quality foster care for children looked after, in partnership with Southampton Social Services Department ('The Department') and to work with the Department in the practice and promotion of anti-discrimination, anti-racism, and equal opportunities b) Supporting the Department in their recruitment of suitable persons to become foster carers c) Supporting foster carers themselves and promoting and protecting their interests d) Enabling carers to have a stronger voice e) Promoting good working partnerships f) Providing support and guidance g) Supporting and enhancing knowledge and skills required for fostering h) Offering regular social events for everyone

Activities: The Association offers activities and social events for fostering families and the children in their care. We assist with monthly support groups, providing new carers with buddies, who offer advice and support when needed, and organise annual events for our fostering families which include fun days, BBQs, discos, day trips, a Halloween party, and a Christmas grotto.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£29,159	£22,562	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,840	£17,552	-	-
2023-03-31	£17,897	£20,854	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,748	£22,349	-	-
2021-03-31	£14,624	£6,415	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne Marie Lane	Chair	2020-07-06
JO-ANNE MONTEIRO		2020-07-06
Jade Ashley-Meyer		2021-07-12

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Accounts

Southampton Foster Carers' Association (Registered Charity Number: 1137351)

Trustees' Annual Report July 2024 - July 2025

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Financial Statements

6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

July 2025

Welcome everyone, and a huge thanks to the fantastic Committee who stand at present.

This year we have worked hard as a committee to move with the positive changes made within Children's services. Supporting our fostering team and supporting our fostering families.

We have celebrated Easter and Halloween with discos and at Christmas we had a very special visit from Father Christmas at our Injoy party.

We have raised money through raffles, cakes sales, teddy tombola's, book sales as well as incredible efforts from carers, young people and social workers taking part in the Southampton marathon, half marathon, 10k and 5k run, amazing!

Ruth Sadler, not only did the Southampton Marathon, she also took part in the London Marathon, raising over £1500 for SFCA. Thank you Ruth! Ruth also pulled together a brilliant quiz evening, which raised a huge £600.

Due to the amount of money raised and donations we have been able to have another Haven holiday. This will be another fantastic opportunity for us to come together and make fantastic memories. We are really looking forward to the AGM, a fun day for all.

We have received our annual service level payment from SCC which increased this year to £4000. Thanks to the fostering team for supporting us, and working hard to source funding for our celebration evening in October.

The fostering service also pay for the Insurance on our storage unit, which holds equipment, Christmas presents and event decorations/equipment.

We would also like to thank Colin McPherson for Christmas presents, Easter eggs and raffle prizes.

As your Committee, please feel free to come to us with any concerns you may have, we will do our best to get any queries answered or gain guidance for you!

Thank you all for coming today to support our amazing riders and we hope you all have a great day at the Family BBQ & AGM, and we appreciate all those who have attended!

Thank you,

Jo

SFCA Chair

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details

Name	Southampton Foster Carers' Association
Referred to as	SFCA
Charity Number	1137351
Address	Civic Centre, Southampton, Hampshire. SO14 7LY

Names of Charity Officers (Trustees)

Name	Office	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Jo Lane	Chair	12/07/2021	
Jo Monteiro	Vice-Chair	12/07/2021	12/07/2025
Jo Monteiro	Treasurer	12/07/2024	

Vacant	Secretary
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Names of Committee Members

Name	Role	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Alison Saint	Committee Member	August 2024	
Sandy Gayton	Committee Member	12/07/2021	
Denise Wargent	Committee Member	12/07/2021	
Gill White	Committee Member	July 2023	
Bev Trevis	Committee Member	01/07/2023	
Linda Taylor	Committee Member	12/07/2021	
Tracey Saunders	Committee Member	12/07/2021	
Maxine Smith	Committee Member	09/07/2024	
Rachel Deacon	Committee Member	09/07/2022	
Will Rosie	Committee Member	01/07/2023	
Corrine Finley	Committee Member	01/07/2023	
Kate Carter	Committee member	14/07/2021	
Ali Saint	Co-Opt Member	August/2024	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

Role	Name	Address
Banking	Lloyds Bank	77 Shirley High St, Southampton. SO15 3TX
Fostering Services	Carly Arnold Team Manager Children's Services	Fostering Civic Centre, North Wing, Ground Floor, Southampton SO14 7LY

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document How the Charity is Constituted Trustee Selection Method	Constitution adopted 21 st May 2001 Unincorporated Association Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in July.
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Additional Governance Matters

Membership of the Association is open to any registered Southampton City Council (SCC) foster carer.

The SFCA is partnered with the Foster Services Team of SCC with whom we jointly undertake a range of activity programmes, and from whom we utilise a lock-up (to store gifts for our children) and their Pathways Building for Committee meetings.

All Trustees and Committee members give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

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2. Supporting the SCC in their recruitment of suitable persons to become foster carers.
3. Supporting foster carers whilst promoting and protecting their interests.
4. To enable carers to have a stronger voice.
5. To promote good working partnerships.
6. To provide support and guidance.
7. To support and enhance knowledge and skills required for fostering.
8. To offer regular social events for everyone.

Main Activities

The SFCA is an independent organisation run by Southampton foster carers and is a registered charity. The Association offers activities and social events for fostering families and the children in their care. We give additional help to foster carers with monthly support groups.

The SFCA organises annual events including fun days, barbecues, discos, day trips, a Halloween party, and a Christmas grotto.

Additional Details

We are grateful for the many hours' our Committee members and volunteers have spent working with the SFCA to put on our, in-person and virtual, events. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Financial Review

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from SCC and reduced fund-raising opportunities due to the cost-of-living crisis. The funds are held to cover the costs of our events and to meet any unforeseen expenditure which may occur.

Details of any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

SFCA Financial Summary/Breakdown 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

Start Balance 06/04/24- £17,845.41

End total balance 05/04/25- £21,358.46

Of that- protected money for carers ball- £12,610

Event	Money In	Money Out
T-shirt printing 5K run	£15	
Zoom	£31.18	
Paypal- Donations via GoFundMe	£3,708.99	
Haven 2024	£6,400	£16350
Sponsored bike ride/AGM	£1348.50	£450.16
SCC Service level payment	£4000	
SCC donation for caravan holiday	£9000	
Donation	£1255	
	£3	
John Lewis grant for Care leavers	£500	£148.69
Ball 2024- • Magician • Gifts • Forever events • Raffle • Venue • Table wine • Donation • Table plan • Balloons • Glasses-IKEA • Aldi- thank you gifts • Aldi- Thank you gifts	£3,018.57 £1000	£650 £403.06 £313 £887.42 £9,230.00 £1,782.00 £130 £350 £25 £44.20 £21.80

Haven 2025		£2,400.00
Mayflower	£2,202.62	£1,320.00
Ice Skating BM promotion		£650
Toolstation- Card Machine		£94.99
Event- Bowling	£222	£540
Storage insurance		£280.06
Bashley MB	£2,816.00	£2,814.10
Mockingbird	£529	£280
Ice Skating	£495	£520
Zurich insurance		£56
Christmas 2024- Wrapping paper		£11.98
Eater disco 2025- - Hall - Disco - Entrance/raffle - Float - Food/Plates - Table cloth	£52.50	£200 £200 £85 £102.49
Ball 2025 - Donation- Seatech - Venue deposit - Entertainment - Gifts - Table decs - Entrance	£13,610.00 £200	£5,875.00 £1,100.00 £89.10 £11.00
AGM 2025- - Inflataplanet - Face painter - Bubble lady Sparks & bubbles		£50 £50 £100
Halloween 2025 Disco		£200
Lloyds service charge		£8.50
TOTAL	£50,759.68	£47,246.69

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Name: _____ Joanne Lane

Role: Chairperson

Signature: J.LANE

Date: 20/04/26

SFCA Accounts 6th April 2024- 05th APRIL 2025

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BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 6/4/24

17845.41

PAID IN

50759.68

WITHDRAWN

47246.69

Balance 5/4/25

21758.46

68605.09

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I Raymond Paul Maslett (MAAT) Accountant confirm this statement reflects a true and fair account of the transactions and balances of the SFSCA for the year ending 5/4/2025