

GRAPEVINE ESSEX

England & Wales · Charity number 1151261

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-03-15

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AGED 18 AND OVER WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES.

Activities: GRAPEVINE ESSEX IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES; COMPRISING AFFORDABLE, CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT TEACH LIFE SKILLS, SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING AND IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY. WE'RE DEDICATED TO ENSURING MEMBERS HAVE FUN, FORM FRIENDSHIPS & ENHANCE THEIR LIVES IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE & FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£91,763	£88,399	-	-
2023-12-31	£69,070	£67,237	-	-
2022-12-31	£74,020	£80,123	-	-
2021-12-31	£37,362	£39,623	-	-
2020-12-31	£40,718	£29,351	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jackie Holland	Chair	2013-03-14
Adrian Heighes		2023-05-27
ELIZABETH HENDLE		2025-05-31
Emma Wyatt		2023-05-27
JANE BEVERLEY CROSSMAN		2014-03-10
MONIKA KELLY		2019-05-31
Mary Schultz		2014-03-14
PETER SCHULTZ		2018-05-26
Simon Leslie Jones		2023-05-27
Susan Johns		2018-05-26
VANESSA HELLIER		2013-03-14

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FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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“Inclusion is not bringing people into what already exists; it is making a new space, a better space for everyone” George Dei

Mission Statement

To make an impact on the lives of adults with learning disabilities by providing the necessary tools for change to enable them to lead active and purposeful lives.

Our purpose, our values, our services:

Grapevine Essex is committed to providing an excellent and professional service to adults with learning disabilities; comprising affordable, confidence building and educational opportunities that teach life skills, support independent living and improve employability.

The supported outings and activities provided ensure valuable

respite to parents and carers, in addition to raising acceptance and awareness of adults with learning difficulties within the general public.

Most of all, we are dedicated to ensuring our members have fun, develop friendships and enhance their lives within a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Structure and Governance

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 and achieved charity status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2013 with the registered Charity Number 1151261. Our governing document is the CIO Constitution, which was also agreed in 2013 and is reviewed on a regular basis.

In accordance with Charity Commission regulations, we have an elected Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the governance of the group. Charity trustees are elected on the basis of the relevant skills and attributes they possess that enable them to perform important functions within the charity. Trustees who were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2024 are:

Mrs Jackie Holland	Chair
Mrs Monika Kelly	Treasurer
Mrs Emma Wyatt	Secretary
Mrs Jane Crossman	Trustee
Mr Adrian Heighes	Trustee
Mrs Vanessa Hellier	Trustee
Mrs Sue Johns	Trustee
Mr Simon Jones	Trustee
Mrs Mary Schultz	Trustee

Peter Turrall MBE will continue in his role as President of Grapevine Essex;

with Lord Petre, 18th Baron Petre KCVO, as patron.

Grapevine Essex was formed to meet the need locally for adults with learning disabilities to join a club where they can experience opportunities via our extensive activity programme that would not otherwise be available to them. Grapevine provides over 40 outings and events during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. These can include trips to historical venues, theme parks, theatres, outdoor activity centres, wildlife parks and residential mini-breaks to name just a few.

In term time, we hold two weekly evening clubs - a Dance Group, and Club Grapevine, which is a social club providing organised activities. Both are very well attended.

Belonging to Grapevine Essex helps to motivate our members and improve their quality of life by providing exciting opportunities for them, alongside some regular and familiar activities too. Members form relationships and make friends; and belonging to the 'Grapevine Family' becomes an important part of their lives.



We Listen, We Act, We Care



Jackie Holland & Vanessa Hellier



Mary Schultz



Adrian Heighes



Simon Jones

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 by Jackie Holland and Vanessa Hellier, and at the end of 2024 we had over 160 members. We are honoured to have Peter Turrall MBE as our President, and Lord Petre, 18th Baron Petre KCVO as our Patron.

Jackie's role as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Charity Manager includes planning and organising all the activities and events for members, managing the accounts and overseeing the general running of the charity. Jackie holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction). Jackie manages the charity from her home in St Osyth.

Vanessa's role as Member Support Manager involves organising the support for members and supervising the volunteer team. She also runs our two weekly clubs during term times: Club Grapevine and the Dance Group. Vanessa holds qualifications in First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Epilepsy Awareness; Autism Awareness and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

Mary Schultz works alongside Vanessa in providing support for members and also organises the Art and Craft Workshops. Mary holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid At Work; Risk Assessment;

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction) and Autism Awareness.

Adrian Heighes is a Support Assistant for people with complex needs and holds the following qualifications: QCF/NVQ Level Two: Health & Social Care; NVQ Level Three: Employment Law; Understanding Autism, Fire Safety, Health & Safety, Nutrition & Wellbeing, Infection Control & Prevention, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Dementia Awareness, Makaton, The Autism Act 2009, Manual Handling; First Aid at Work and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

Simon Jones is a qualified SEN teacher and actively works teaching adults with alternative needs across a broad spectrum at a local Essex College. He holds the following qualifications, DETS / LV5 (teaching diploma), HND in Early Childhood studies and BTEC Level 3 Social Care. Simon has been working within the SEN sector for over fifteen years and is an experienced behaviour support manager, personal assistant, classroom assistant manager and qualified teacher. In a nutshell, Simon loves his job!

All paid and unpaid members of the Grapevine Team have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance where required and are encouraged to attend 'Emergency First Aid at Work' training.



Chair's Annual Review



A recent global study has found that nearly 1 in 4 adults feel very to fairly lonely. Despite being more

“connected” than ever, true connection often feels out of reach, even more so if you have a disability.

When we first set up Grapevine Essex, I didn't imagine what a thriving community it would become, where all of us have found a place to belong. It's a safe space, where people are seen, valued, and supported. Where a community thrives, people do too.

2024 was another incredibly busy and rewarding year, with over 40 day trips including two fantastic residential trips. In the spring, we returned to Gaveston Hall in Sussex, where highlights included a visit to the Weald and Downland Living Museum—famous as the home of the beloved TV show *The Repair Shop*—and lunch aboard the charming Bluebell Railway.

In the summer, we headed back to the UK Sailing Academy on the Isle of Wight for more outdoor adventures, including sailing, kayaking, and paddle-boarding. These residential trips offer our members a



wonderful opportunity to build confidence, step outside their everyday environments, and spend quality time with friends in the safe and supportive Grapevine community.

We were delighted to host several successful fundraising events throughout the year, all of which were very well attended. My sincere thanks go to our Trustees and volunteers whose dedication made these events possible, and to everyone who participated and donated so generously (see page 14).

We are also deeply grateful to all our supporters who have provided generous grants and donations. Grapevine simply could not continue without the incredible generosity of our benefactors (see page 15).

Jackie Holland
Chair & Charity Manager

“I love coming to Grapevine because I feel like I belong there”
Amber Wawman



President's Report



the opportunity of gaining confidence in all they undertake by learning and participating in the activities and holidays etc.

I feel very proud to be your President but sorry that I am unable to either participate in weekly activities with you or attend the main events during holiday periods. You are all in the capable hands of the Committee and helpers and I know you respect and enjoy the many activities and weekly Club and Dance events.

Have an enjoyable Summer and enjoy all the activities arranged for you during the year.

Peter A.T. Turrall MBE
President

As your President, it really amazes me to see the wonderful programmes your Committee, under the guidance of the Chair Jackie, arranges for members of Grapevine Essex. Every holiday period there is always something interesting taking place for which you all have the opportunity of participating.

Grapevine Essex has grown gradually over a very short time and is now one of the best disability organisations in the County of Essex with events for everyone. It's backed up by a strong and loyal Committee who give many hours of their time to allow members

"It's inspiring to see how the charity makes a real difference to members' lives through delivering a much needed service within our community"

Emma Wyatt, Trustee and Volunteer



Club Grapevine



Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm, term time only
Moulsham School, Brian Close, Chelmsford CM2 9ES
Contact: Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868

As we reflect on another incredible year at Club Grapevine, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to all the amazing people who help make our club the welcoming, fun, and supportive community it is.

To our wonderful volunteers and staff—Jane, Sarah B, Adrian, Sarah W, Grace, Emma, Mary, and Simon—thank you for your time, energy, and dedication. Your ongoing support makes everything we do possible.

A special thank you goes to Mary for organising and preparing our arts and crafts evenings, and to Eileen, Pete, and Cathy for all their help during those sessions. These nights are always filled with creativity and laughter thanks to your efforts.

Big thanks also go to Tom for hosting our quiz nights and coming up with fun, challenging questions each time. And, of course, we can't forget DJ Jo Jo, Jan, and Denis for keeping the dance floor alive at our discos! To all the carers who bring our members to the club and support us in so many ways—thank you. Your help is vital, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

We are thrilled to see Club Grapevine growing each year, now welcoming an average of 60 to 65 members each week. We had a few special visitors like Skittleman, Reptile Encounters and the Zest dancers. Activities like Bowling and Disco remain the most popular, and our visits to City Bowl are always a highlight. A big shout-out to their staff for being so friendly and accommodating.

As always, we hope you're enjoying your Tuesday evenings with us. If you have ideas for new activities, please don't hesitate to share—we're always open to suggestions!

This year, we've continued a very special tradition in memory of two much-loved members of our community:

- The *Colin Gooday Kindness Award*, named in honour of Colin's warmth and generosity, was awarded to Paul Wisbey—a truly deserving recipient.
- The *Ian Roberts' Arts and Crafts Award*, celebrating Ian's love of creativity, was presented to Jill O'Donovan for her wonderful contributions. Congratulations, Jill!

Here's to another fantastic year at Club Grapevine. Thank you all for being part of our journey.

Vanessa Hellier, Club Grapevine Manager



Dance Group

Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, term time only
The Boswells School, Burnham Road, Chelmsford CM1 6LY
Contact: Vanessa Hellier - Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868



We had some great times performing in the Boswells' shows this year and at the Tillingham Flower Festival in the summer.

A huge thank you to Jean Hunter for her dedication in teaching our classes and for creating new dances when needed. Her creativity and commitment is greatly appreciated! I'd also like to thank our wonderful volunteers—Lynn, Lesley, and Gail—for their dedicated support of our Dance Group. We couldn't do it without you.

This year, the *Katie Whalley Dance Achievement Award* was presented to Alex McGregor in recognition of the support he offered to fellow members during classes. Congratulations, Alex—well deserved!

Vanessa Hellier, Dance Group Manager

The dance team meet weekly during term time at the Boswells School Dance Studio on Monday evenings.

This year we have performed again in the annual Community Dance Show *We Go Together* with great success as usual!

We danced to *Texas Hold 'Em* by Beyonce and Jive Bunny, with great support from the school, now led by Rob Gentle.

Our dancers are always super dedicated, hard working and fun loving!

Many thanks also to Vanessa and Monika for their work looking after the finances and costumes.

Jean Hunter, Dance Tutor

Activities and Impact

In 2024, Grapevine Essex delivered a vibrant and diverse programme of 41 outings, including two residential stays, tailored to the needs and interests of our members.

Over 1,300 individual places were offered across all events. 97% of available places were booked, demonstrating high demand and strong engagement. The activities catered to a wide range of interests and abilities, helping members build confidence, improve mental well-being, and strengthen social connections

Our calendar featured an exciting mix of opportunities, including:

- West End shows and local theatre trips
- Boat trips, pub lunches, fishing, and watching banger racing

- Visits to castles, museums, historic sites, and stately homes
- Water sports, guided tours, and zoo/animal park visits and bowling
- Art and craft workshops, along with cooking sessions and other life skills activities

To ensure a well-rounded experience, our activities were grouped into five key categories: Life Enhancing; Educational; Creative; Fitness & Exercise; and Life Skills

We strive to be inclusive and adventurous—there is little we won't consider when designing our activity programmes. This broad approach supports our mission to promote mental well-being, boost self-esteem, and help members lead more connected and fulfilling lives.

Fig 1

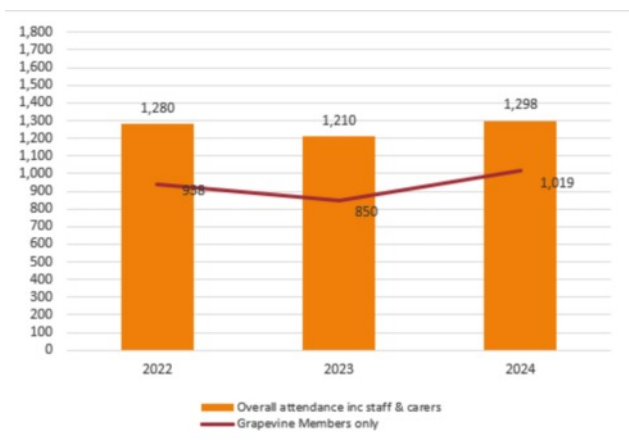
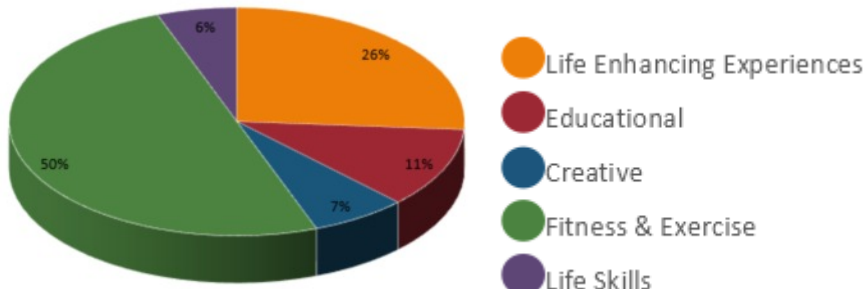


Fig 2



What People Say...

I love Grapevine so much; I see other members and my friends at Club and Dance. My favourite trip was Mrs Doubtfire in London.

Sam Medler



Ellen loves going on the trips and to Club where she can meet her friends, old and new.

Mary Schultz, Trustee (Ellen's mum)

Jill loves her Tuesday club night and enjoys all the Grapevine trips, especially those to see shows.

Cathy Knight

I have enjoyed going to Butlin's Bognor Regis this year and I enjoyed seeing Mrs Doubtfire. I have a great time with my friends and I love to be a member.

Betty Corrigan

My favourite trip was the greyhound dog racing.

Conor Hickey



My favourite trip was going to the Theatre to see Pinocchio. It reminded me of my childhood. I do love Grapevine Essex Dance Group with Jean Hunter because of the different routines to the music. It's always a new experience.

Hannah Pike



childhood. I do love Grapevine Essex Dance Group with Jean Hunter because of the different routines to the music. It's always a new experience.

I feel extremely privileged to be working for and supporting Grapevine. It provides fantastic social and community inclusion activities for adults with alternative needs plus excellent residential trips away. Members thrive in the fun and structured environment that Grapevine provides.

Simon Jones, Trustee

My daughter Joanne absolutely loves the Club nights where she gets the opportunity to socialise with friends and do some fun activities every week.

I love teaching the Grapevine Essex dance students as they are super dedicated, hard working and great fun!

Jean Hunter, Dance Tutor

I liked the walking tour in London and all the activities at Club. Grapevine is a friendly environment.

Ellen Schultz



I enjoyed seeing all my friends at all the trips.

Joshua Beaumont

Lee Gribble (Joanne's mum)



I enjoyed Wimple Hall and the Christmas party. I also enjoyed Mrs Doubtfire.

Andrew Brooks

I've loved being part of another successful year for Grapevine Essex. Most of all, the enjoyment on the members' faces is priceless and great reward for the hard work of the amazing staff and volunteers.

Jane Crossman, Trustee

Volunteering at Grapevine and being a Trustee is so rewarding. It's inspiring to see how the charity makes a real difference to members lives through delivering a much needed service within our community.

Emma Wyatt, Trustee



The Isle of Wight trip was really good, we shared rooms and could talk before going to sleep. I went on a speed boat and tried Paddle boarding, but fell off. There were lots of fish in the water. We played pool in the bar. We got Adrian wet and he fell in the water. YAY! Mrs Doubtfire was so funny, We all laughed a lot and enjoyed the show. We talked about it all the way home.

Danielle Kelly

The summer activities and residential were extremely good. Isle of Wight was

absolutely fantastic. The accommodation was clean and new, the food was good. There were many activities that were tried by many. Some people overcame their fears and were rightly very proud of themselves. Paul managed to paddle-board standing up and get back on by himself when he fell off. Tim tried many activities, and was very good at them, much to his own surprise.

I would like to thank the Grapevine organisers, staff and volunteers for this wonderful opportunity for the Grapevine members to experience new things and a chance to socialise in a safe and caring environment. It is such a relief as a parent to know that your child (even though they are an adult) is safe, happy and well looked after.

Monika Kelly, Trustee (Danielle's mum)

I have only attended a couple of Grapevine's events and the enjoyment they give is so evident. I'm proud to be part, however small, of such a lovely charity

Sue Johns, Trustee

I went with Josh to Wimpole Hall, it made my Christmas. During the summer I thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Leeds Castle.

Juliet Beaumont (Josh's mum)

I came on the trip to the Isle of Wight with my Aunt Sue. It was really nice to spend so much time with her. Everyone made me feel so welcome; it's such a beautiful



community and I had so much fun. I would definitely come on another trip.

Amber Martin-Smith (Sue's niece)

Fundraising Events

2024 was a successful year for Grapevine's fundraising efforts. The events were very well supported by members of the public and we made an overall profit of £6234. This figure also includes ticket sales from the Fawltly Towers Comedy Dinner which took place early in January 2025.

The first event was a drag night with the wonderful Ava Du Paris held at The Tulip Pub in Chelmsford on 21 June. Including a generous donation from Ava herself, we made a profit of £1267.

The Earls Colne Open Gardens event in June raised £122. Many thanks to Patricia Green for opening her garden to the public and providing cake, tea and bubbles.

On 26-28 July, our brave and intrepid Treasurer Monika Kelly completed the arduous 3 Peaks Challenge, raising an amazing £1029.

Bingo at Mace Playce held in Chelmsford in October raised £783.



Finally, the Quiz Night in November, hosted by Mark Holland at the Old Chelmsfordians' Club, raised £1053.

Throughout the year, we set up fundraising stalls at various events, held the annual Christmas raffle and utilised the Easy Fundraising app for online shopping, raising over £600 in total.

We welcome any more ideas you may have for fundraising events that you would like to hold on Grapevine's behalf. Please do get in touch via info@grapevineessex.org.uk



With special thanks to all our benefactors



Beaumont, Mrs. J.
Birt, Mrs. M.
Charities Aid Foundation
Chelmsford Newsagents - *patrons*
City Bowl - *patrons*
Coyne, Mr. R.
Crossman, Mrs. J.
Food and Drink Federation
Green, Mrs. P. (*Earls Colne Open Gardens*)
Harrington, Mr. T (*Memorial Donations*)
Hector, Mrs. B.
Hellier, Mrs. V.

Kelly, Mrs. M.
& 3 Peaks Challenge sponsors
King Charles Charitable Fund
Milz, Mrs. P.
Pike, Mr. A.
Roberts, Mrs. A.
Rotary Club, Chelmer Bridge
Six Bells Boreham Golf Society
Springfield Cricket Club customers
The Grand Charity
Vera Harrington Trust
Walter Farthing Trust
White Horse Quiz Night - *patrons*
Willy, Mr. G.

"I loved the residential trip to Gaveston Hall; we had loads of fun. It was a really cool place" Danielle Kelly, Member



Treasurer's Report



Charities with an annual income of less than £1million are not required to have their accounts audited but an Independent Examiner must inspect them.

Mr. Robert Andrews is registered with the Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) and has inspected the 2024 Annual Accounts. A report on his findings is provided on page 17.

Grapevine does not receive any government funding; our income is made up from fundraising, grants, donations and members' fees.

The principal on-going risk to the future of the charity is a reduction in the income required to pay the staff

that manage the charity and organise the events, which are enjoyed by the majority of our members.

At the end of 2024, Grapevine Essex was in a sound financial position. There is a bank balance of £23,345 and cash-in-hand of £153.

We were delighted to receive £14,358 grants and donations from various sources; these are listed as our Beneficiaries on page 15.

Gift Aid of £329 was recovered on donations for the 2023-2024 period. Some of the funding Grapevine has received has been carried over to 2025.

Fundraising activities raised a total of £6,234 (after costs). See page 14. We are very pleased that these events continue to be well supported in the local community.

Reserves Policy:

Grapevine Essex plans to retain a minimum of £7,000 as free reserves this year, representing the average expenditure for one series of events.

I shall be retiring from this position in 2025 and will hand everything over to Elizabeth Hendle as the new Treasurer.

Monika Kelly, Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of Grapevine Essex charity no 1151261 which are set out on page 18

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.



Robert Andrews MA, ACIB, FCIIE
3 Swards End, Wickford, SS12 9PB
10 July 2025

Relevant Professional Qualification:

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners



Accounts for the Year 2024

Grapevine Essex Registered charity no: 1151261

Receipts & Payments

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts	2024 £	2023 £
Income from members		
Membership Fees	£ 1,843	£ 1,865
Activities		
Dance Group Fees	£ 5,853	£ 5,683
Club Grapevine Fees	£ 17,308	£ 12,042
Outings & Events	£ 42,703	£ 36,264
Transport contributions	£ 494	£ 693
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	£ 8,250	£ 3,666
Sale of merchandise	£ 267	£ 102
Grants & Donations	£ 14,358	£ 8,186
Gift Aid recovered on donations	£ 329	£ 568
Other income	£ 358	£ -
Total Receipts	£91,763	£ 69,070
Payments	2024	2023
Activities	£	£
Dance Group operating costs	£ 2,568	£ 2,886
Club Grapevine operating costs	£ 13,601	£ 7,715
Outings & Events	£ 34,194	£ 23,704
<i>Outings & Events Refunds</i>	£ 1,543	£ 393
Transport	£ 4,457	£ 4,438
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	£ 2,016	£ 1,015
Cost of merchandise	£ 397	£ 326
Staff and volunteers		
Salaries	£ 22,487	£ 22,830
Training	£ 1,696	£ -
Expenses reimbursed	£ 518	£ 314
Sundry staff & volunteer costs	£ 299	£ 292
Administration		
Stationery, website, postage, printing	£ 2,410	£ 1,807
Insurance	£ 786	£ 747
Equipment & supplies	£ 1,183	£ 393
Subscriptions	£ 85	£ 180
Bank charges & interest	£ 159	£ 187
Sundry expenditure	£ -	£ 127
Total payments	£ 88,399	£ 67,354
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£ 3,364	£ 1,716
Cash balances 1 January 2024	£ 19,147	£ 17,376
Adjustment from 2023	£ -	£ 55
Cash balances 31 December 2024	£ 22,511	£ 19,147
Statement of assets and liabilities		
Bank accounts	£ 23,345	£ 18,988
BMM Account	£ 4	£ -
Petty Cash	£ 67	£ 43
Club Grapevine petty cash	£ 36	£ 40
Grapevine Dance Group petty cash	£ 50	£ 50
Money owed to Grapevine Essex	£ 78	£ 376
Money owed by Grapevine Essex	-£ 1,069	-£ 350
	£ 22,511	£ 19,147

Spot the Difference

There are 10 differences between the pictures below - see if you can find them all.



Membership Application



Your details

Membership is available to anyone with a learning disability and aged 18 or over

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Date of Birth	
Tel No	
Mobile No	
Email Address	
Diagnosis or brief description of disability	
Where did you hear about Grapevine Essex?	

Membership Fee

Annual Membership Fee: £15

Payment options:

Cheques/postal orders payable to Grapevine Essex

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/GRAPEVINEESSEX>

Or by bank transfer - please ask for bank details

Members have the opportunity to participate in approximately 35 specially organised and supported recreational and educational events per year at subsidised prices.

Members are also entitled to participate in the weekly term time groups:

*Grapevine Essex Dance Team** (Monday evenings at The Boswells School, Chelmsford)

and *Club Grapevine** (Tuesday evenings at Moulsham School, Chelmsford).

*Weekly subscription fees apply

Please return this form with your payment to:

Grapevine Essex • c/o Tulip Hall • 31 Clacton Road • St Osyth • Essex • CO16 8PA
info@grapevineessex.org.uk • www.grapevineessex.org.uk



Friends of Grapevine Essex

Friends of Grapevine Essex membership is available to anyone who wishes to help support the valuable work of our charity. As a Friend of Grapevine Essex, you will be emailed regular updates on progress and events. If you do not wish to receive emails from us, please tick here ☐

www.grapevineessex.org.uk Registered Charity Number 1151261

Your details

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Tel No / Mobile No	
Email Address	

Friends of Grapevine Essex Contribution (please specify chosen amount)

£10 ☐ £15 ☐ £20 ☐ Other amount £_____

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

Today ☐ in the past 4 years ☐ in the future ☐

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or CASCs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Signature _____

Date _____

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GRAPEVINE ESSEX

England & Wales - Charity number 1151261

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GRAPEVINE ESSEX

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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“We didn’t know we were making memories, we were just having fun” AA Milne

Mission Statement

To make an impact on the lives of adults with learning disabilities by providing the necessary tools for change to enable them to lead active and purposeful lives.

Our purpose, our values, our services:

Grapevine Essex is committed to providing an excellent and professional service to adults with learning disabilities; comprising affordable, confidence building and educational opportunities that teach life skills, support independent living and improve employability.

The supported outings and activities provided ensure valuable

respite to parents and carers, in addition to raising acceptance and awareness of adults with learning difficulties within the general public.

Most of all, we are dedicated to ensuring our members have fun, develop friendships and enhance their lives within a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Structure and Governance

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 and achieved charity status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2013 with the registered Charity Number 1151261. Our governing document is the CIO Constitution, which was also agreed in 2013 and is reviewed on a regular basis.

In accordance with Charity Commission regulations, we have an elected Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the governance of the group. Charity trustees are elected on the basis of the relevant skills and attributes they possess that enable them to perform important functions within the charity. Trustees who were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 27 May 2023 are:

Mrs Jackie Holland	Chair
Mrs Monika Kelly	Treasurer
Mrs Emma Wyatt	Secretary
Mrs Jane Crossman	Trustee
Mr Adrian Heighes	Trustee
Mrs Vanessa Hellier	Trustee
Mrs Sue Johns	Trustee
Mr Simon Jones	Trustee
Mrs Mary Schultz	Trustee
Mr Peter Schultz	Trustee

Grapevine Essex was formed to meet the need locally for adults with learning disabilities to join a club where they can experience opportunities via our extensive activity programme that would not

otherwise be available to them. Grapevine provides over 40 outings and events during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. These can include trips to historical venues, theme parks, theatres, outdoor activity centres, wildlife parks and residential mini-breaks to name just a few.

In term time, we hold two weekly evening clubs - a Dance Group, and Club Grapevine, which is a social club providing organised activities. Both are very well attended.

Adults with learning disabilities can lead sedentary and sheltered lives and are at a particular disadvantage in our society with relation to involvement in leisure and social activities. This may be due to communication difficulties, a lack of confidence, qualified help and support or financial restrictions. People who are intellectually disadvantaged can be socially marginalised and isolated. Some of our members live in segregated settings, with few, if any, social relationships within the wider community.

Belonging to Grapevine Essex helps to motivate our members and improve their quality of life by providing exciting opportunities to get involved with, alongside some regular and familiar activities too. Members form relationships and make friends; and belonging to the 'Grapevine Family' becomes an important part of their lives.



We Listen, We Act, We Care



Jackie Holland & Vanessa Helliier

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 by Jackie Holland and Vanessa Helliier and we have over 150 members. We are honoured to have Peter Turrall MBE as our President, and Lord Petre, 18th Baron Petre KCVO as our Patron.

Jackie's role as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Charity Manager includes planning and organising all the activities and events for members, managing the accounts and overseeing the general running of the charity. Jackie holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction). Jackie manages the charity from her home in St Osyth.



Mary Schultz

Vanessa's role as Member Support Manager involves organising the support for members and supervising the volunteer team. She also runs our two weekly clubs during term times: Club Grapevine and the Dance Group. Vanessa holds qualifications in First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Epilepsy Awareness; Autism Awareness and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.



Adrian Heighes

Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction) and Autism Awareness.

Adrian Heighes is a Support Assistant for people with complex needs. He is currently studying for a BSc Hons in Health and Social Care and holds the following qualifications: QCF/NVQ Level Two: Health & Social Care; NVQ Level Three: Employment Law; Understanding Autism, Fire Safety, Health & Safety, Nutrition & Wellbeing, Infection Control & Prevention, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Dementia Awareness, Makaton, The Autism Act 2009, Manual Handling; First Aid at Work and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

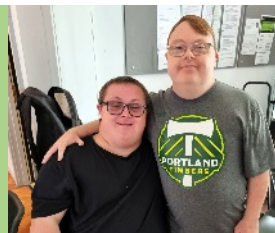
Simon Jones is a qualified SEN teacher and actively works teaching adults with alternative needs across a broad spectrum at a local Essex College. He holds the following qualifications, DETS / LV5 (teaching diploma), HND in Early Childhood studies and BTEC Level 3 Social Care. Simon has been working within the SEN sector for over fifteen years and is an experienced behaviour support manager, personal assistant, classroom assistant and manager and qualified teacher. In a nutshell, Simon loves his job!



Simon Jones

Mary Schultz works alongside Vanessa in providing support for members and also organises the Art and Craft Workshops. Mary holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid At Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable

Other support staff and volunteers are offered 'Emergency First Aid at Work' training. All members of the Grapevine Team have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance where required.



Chair's Annual Review 2023



I do love living in the beautiful village of St Osyth, where I work from home to manage

Grapevine Essex 2 days a week. Sadly, I'm not able to join as many events as before, as it's just too far to come to Chelmsford regularly but I really enjoy it when I do see everyone. It's brilliant when you come here too, last summer we had a day out at Clacton Pier and another day at The Curve Water Park followed by a pub lunch. In December we were lucky enough to visit the medieval St Osyth Priory for an educational guided event just for our group.

My favourite trips are always the residentials, which we are hoping to do more of in the future. Last year our Spring trip was to Gaveston Hall in Sussex, where we included visits to Arundel Castle and Brighton. In the summer, we returned to Bowles Rocks in Kent for rock climbing and canoeing. Everyone has so much fun and we made some wonderful memories.

Due to the huge increase in coach costs and money being very tight for the first half of the year, we had no choice but to use the minibuses more and more.

Thankfully, we did receive some generous funding later in the year which got us back on track. We hope to have more of a balance of coaches vs minibuses in the future - and we will always use a coach for London trips.

We are extremely grateful to all our supporters who have provided us with grants, donations and attended fundraising events. Grapevine would not exist without its many generous benefactors (see page 14).

Jackie Holland
Chair & Charity Manager



**"I love going to Grapevine, they have fun filled activities and day trips to go on.
The day trips are amazing" Grace Wiley**



President's Report



joining our well run organisation and also some of the events they attend. All in all I can honestly say we are so fortunate to have an excellent Chairman and Committee to organise all these super events for our Members.

Once again it is my pleasure to put pen to paper and comment how all our friends in Grapevine Essex have enjoyed so many well organised events throughout the last year.

Unfortunately I regret I have been unable to participate in any of them but my thoughts are always with our Members as they enjoy all that is put before them.

Through my Grandson Thomas I hear about new people

I hope all of you have a great Summer. Remember to enjoy yourselves and keep safe in any of the activities you undertake.

With very best wishes for the coming year.

**Peter A.T.
Turrall MBE
President**



"The level of commitment extended by staff to help enrich and fulfil the lives of these individuals is totally amazing. I'm in awe!"

Debbie Martin-Smith (Sue Adams' sister)



Club Grapevine



Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm, term time only
Moulsham School, Brian Close, Chelmsford CM2 9ES
Contact: Vanessa@grapevineessex.org.uk / 07976 578868

I would like to show my appreciation to all the Club Grapevine volunteers and staff: Jane, Sarah B, Adrian, Sarah W, Grace, Emma, Mary and Simon for all their support and help. I would also like to thank Mary for organising and preparing the arts and crafts evenings and Eileen and Cathy for assisting on the night. Thanks to Tom for taking on our quiz nights and preparing the questions each time. Thanks to DJ JoJo, Jan and Denis for doing the discos. A big, big thank you to all the carers that bring the members to club and help us out.

I'd like to thank all the members that are able to pay up front for the activities, as this makes it much easier for us in collecting fees.

Club Grapevine continues to carry on growing with new members each year. We now have an average of 60-65 members most weeks. Bowling and Disco will always be the most popular activities. We are so glad that City Bowl in Chelmsford is now up and running again.

I hope everyone enjoys all the club nights and if you have any suggestions for other activities we can offer on a Tuesday evening, then please let me know.

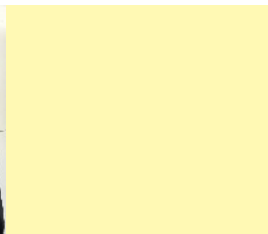
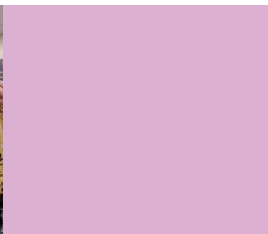
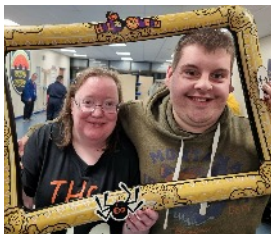


In memory of Colin Gooday who was a very big part of Club Grapevine and Grapevine Essex, we decided to award a kindness award each year to someone who we thought deserved it. So, this year the Colin Gooday Kindness Award was presented to Grace Walker our youngest member of the volunteer team for all the help she gives to members each week.



In memory of Ian Roberts who was a member of Grapevine Essex we decided to present an art and craft award, as Ian really enjoyed joining in with this activity. So, in memory of Ian Roberts the Art and Craft Award this year goes to Ellen Schultz for her achievements. Well done, Ellen.

Vanessa Hellier, Club Grapevine Manager



Dance Group

Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, term time only
The Boswells School, Burnham Road, Chelmsford CM1 6LY
Contact: Vanessa Hellier - Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868



Where does the time go..?

I would like to give a big thank you to Jean Hunter for teaching the classes and coming up with new dances when needed. I would like to thank our volunteer team Lynn, Lesley, Gail and Katherine for coming every week.

This year, The Katie Whalley Dance Achievement Award was presented to Anna Morgan for the help she gives to other members at the dance classes. Well done, Anna!

We are hoping that next year our dancers will be appearing at more public performances to showcase our Dance Group.

I am pleased that 75% of our members are paying in advance for the whole term, as it makes so much easier when collecting fees.

Vanessa Hellier, Dance Group Manager

I am the dance tutor and choreographer for the Dance Group. We meet on Monday evenings at the Boswells School who kindly let us use their dance studio.

We have been together for 29 years now and we continue to thrive as a large boisterous group with a few new members, and the huge help and organisation from Vanessa and our devoted Volunteers.

Our brilliant Dancers performed at four public events in 2023: Boswells Community Dance School Show in April; Columbus College summer fair in June; Chelmsford Carnival in July and the Boswells Show in July.

We are very lucky to have the continuing backing and support of Paul Butler and his staff and pupils, who supply the lighting and music for every show and help to make our performances go smoothly.

Jean Hunter, Dance Tutor

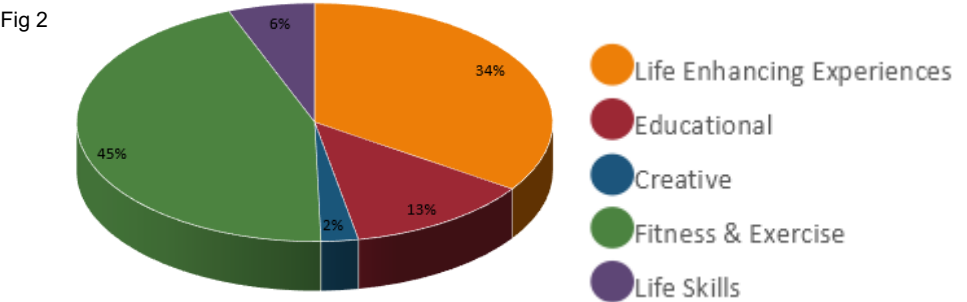
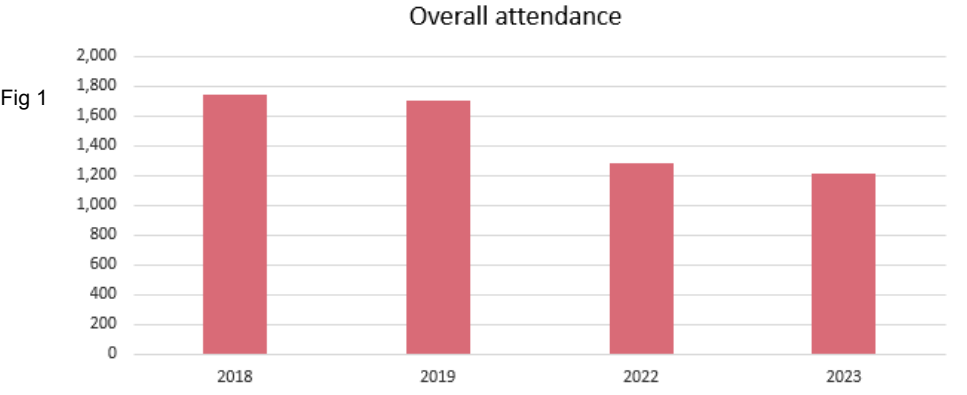
Performance Overview 2023

Grapevine Essex provides educational and recreational activities for adults with learning disabilities living in Essex. Our priority is to support our members’ mental well-being by widening their social circle and increasing their confidence with fun-filled activities. This results in members feeling valued, able to contribute meaningfully to society and live more fulfilled lives.

Comparing our attendance figures with pre-pandemic levels show we are still playing catch-up (see Fig.1). We have put this down to a change of habits for members, together with the huge impact of the cost of living crisis. Funding has also been more difficult to come by, meaning

that costs for activities have had to increase. However, we are adept at cutting our cloth to fit the budget, so were still able to offer 36 outings and events over the year including two short-breaks away. Regrettably the increase in fuel costs has meant fewer London trips and West End shows.

A review of the type of events offered shows the varied split of activities available:
Life Enhancing - e.g. theatres, restaurants
Educational - e.g. historic venues
Creative - e.g. art and craft
Fitness and Exercise - e.g. dance, swimming
Life Skills - e.g. cooking and residential (see Fig.2).



What People Say...



I love going to Grapevine Club, they have fun filled activities and day trips to go on. The day trips are amazing. A day trip I went on in the Easter break was pottery painting at Barleylands, I really enjoyed this activity. I

joined the residential stay at Gaveston Hall and I loved the steam train ride at Bluebell Railway.

Grace Wiley

I really enjoyed the City of London walking tour, East Anglian Railway, Southend Sealife Adventure; Chislehurst Caves; Bowles Rocks, fishing, river trip and the Curve aqua park. I'm happy being a member, I feel that I'm looked after well and my confidence has grown. I am looking forward to the next lot of outings and activities. I'm hoping to come to the Isle of Wight in the summer and I'm looking forward to the Stansted raceway and especially Butlins in February 2025. It would be lovely to have these kinds of holidays in the near future.

Mark Morrison

Lianne looks forward to seeing everyone on the trips, she love the theatre and going to new places. Lianne also has enjoyed going to Club Grapevine; without these activities, she would be very bored. She is looking forward to seeing Mrs Doubtfire and enjoying some more activities this year. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers for all they do for the members.

Clare Nice (Lianne's mum)



Over Summer, I enjoyed going to Clacton Pier & Jurassic Experience because I am very interested in Dinosaurs and at Xmas I loved going to Theatre productions, seeing Peter Pan and The Wizard of Oz. Really love the Grapevine trips, thank you Jackie and Vanessa and all the other Staff.

Ellen Schultz



I really enjoyed Conjuring at the Court and Go Ape and can't wait for the Isle of Wight and hopefully the Curve Sports in St Osyth because that's always been very popular.



Thanks again Jackie and Vanessa and all the team for the wonderful trips.

Andrew Brooks

Another great selection of Grapevine trips, going to some historical places and revisiting some firm favourites. Over Summer last year, we had 17 trips, all brilliant in their own way but my favourites were the residential at Bowles Rock where people overcame fears and were brave to try out new things. Also Fishing at Puddledock Farm for a relaxing morning and afternoon; Theatre performances of Billy Joel Collection and Back into Hell and Audley End, steeped in History. At Xmas, St Osyth Priory and The Wizard of Oz at Cliffs Pavillion were definitely my favourites. At the Priory, we went on a tractor ride around the grounds and saw

some white deer, learnt a lot of history and it was amazing to see the wall graffiti in the Abbot's Tower going back many years. We even made some medieval medicines with herbs from their Physic garden. It is lovely to see that they are restoring many parts of the Priory.

Mary Schultz (Trustee)

My favourite trip so far is Conjuring at the Court, it was a fabulous show and I enjoyed it.

Conor Hickey



I am pleased to offer my continued support to the future of Grapevine Essex. It's lovely to see the enjoyment on everyone's faces as they join in with all the activities. The staff and volunteers are marvellous, working hard to ensure the success of everything that they do.

Jane Crossman (Trustee)



Louan is talking about the summer trips already, he absolutely loves Grapevine!

David Moore (Louan Elsdon's carer)

Jessica feels very well looked after. She has been reunited with many of the people she attended school and College with. Without Club Grapevine she would not be able to socialise with them.

She is working on her confidence; with each attendance I feel her confidence growing (i.e. she will now ask to be dropped off and is willing to walk in alone) She is only able to attend Tuesday evenings on a regular basis, with the odd trip during the

holidays; the trips that she has attended have been thoroughly enjoyed. Jessica is not a dancer, but she does enjoy watching her peers enjoying themselves.



Michele

Sullivan (Jessica's mum)

My sister, Suzanne Adams has been a member of Grapevine for a number of years and I know how much Sue gets from all the events she attends. The staff at Grapevine, (without exception) have provided not just Sue, but myself with support that goes above and beyond what would be expected.

I attended the most recent overnight stay at Gaveston Hall, to support Sue with her personal care. I didn't expect to have such a fun time with a group of adults with a diverse range of disabilities. All members are treated with the utmost respect and I honestly had the best time.... Such a great bunch of people. I learnt so much from so many and it gave me a real insight into the importance of Grapevine's existence. I strongly believe that without Grapevine, members would miss out opportunities to "get out there and be themselves". I am looking forward to supporting Sue on the Isle of Wight trip.....I'll remember my earplugs this time. The level of commitment extended by staff to help enrich and fulfil the lives of these individuals is totally amazing. I'm in awe! Thank you for everything you do.

Debbie Martin-Smith (Sue Adam's sister)



With special thanks to all our benefactors



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**"I absolutely love volunteering for Grapevine and find it
incredibly rewarding" Emma Wyatt, Trustee**

Treasurer's Report



Charities with an annual income of less than £1million are not required to have their accounts audited but must be inspected by an Independent Examiner.

Mr. Robert Andrews is registered with the Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) and has inspected the Annual Accounts. A report on his findings is provided on page 16.

Grapevine is not in receipt of any government funding; the income is composed of fundraising, grants, donations and members' fees.

The principal on-going risk to the future of the charity is a reduction in the income required to pay the staff that manage the charity and organise the events, as well as the rising energy and cost of living

increases, which affect transport costs and entrance fees.

At the end of 2023, Grapevine Essex is in a sound financial position. There is a bank balance of £18,988 and cash-in-hand of £133.

We were delighted to receive grants and donations of £8,186, the Benefactors are listed on Page 14. Gift Aid of £568 was recovered on donations received in the 2022-2023 period.

Our fundraising activities - namely the Barn Dance, Charity Bingo, a Fashion

Show and the Quiz Night raised a total of £2652 after costs. We are very pleased that these events continue to be well supported in the local community. If you would like to discuss any potential grants or donations, fundraising or sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch.



Reserves Policy: Grapevine Essex plans to retain a minimum of £7,000 as free reserves, representing the average expenditure for one series of events.

Monika Kelly, Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of Grapevine Essex charity no 1151261 which are set out on page 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.



Robert Andrews MA, ACIS, FCIE
3 Swards End, Wickford, SS12 9PB
1 June 2024

Relevant Professional Qualification:

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners



Accounts for the Year 2023

Grapevine Essex Registered charity no: 1151261

Receipts & Payments

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Receipts	2023 £	2022 £
Income from members		
Membership Fees	£ 1,865	£ 1,570
Activities		
Dance Group Fees	£ 5,683	£ 5,179
Club Grapevine Fees	£ 12,042	£ 11,362
Outings & Events	£ 36,264	£ 40,776
Transport contributions	£ 693	£ 414
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	£ 3,666	£ 3,881
Sale of merchandise	£ 102	£ 362
Grants & Donations	£ 8,186	£ 9,960
Gift Aid recovered on donations	£ 568	£ 421
Other income	£ -	£ 95
Total Receipts	£ 69,070	£ 74,020

Payments

Activities		
Dance Group operating costs	£ 2,887	£ 3,055
Club Grapevine operating costs	£ 7,715	£ 6,557
<i>Club Refunds</i>		£ 75
Outings & Events	£ 23,753	£ 34,508
<i>Outings & Events Refunds</i>	£ 393	£ 625
Transport	£ 4,438	£ 10,012
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	£ 1,015	£ 1,178
Cost of merchandise	£ 326	£ 813
Staff and volunteers		
Salaries	£ 23,017	£ 17,377
Training	£ -	£ 1,196
Expenses reimbursed	£ 314	£ 386
Sundry staff & volunteer costs	£ 127	£ 148
Administration		
Stationery, website, postage, printing	£ 1,619	£ 2,606
Insurance	£ 747	£ 742
Equipment & supplies	£ 393	£ 199
Subscriptions	£ 180	£ 96
Bank charges & interest	£ 187	£ 224
Sundry expenditure	£ 127	£ 326
Total payments	£ 67,237	£ 80,123
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£ 1,833	-£ 6,103
Cash balances 1 January 2022	£ 17,376	£ 23,479
Cash balances 31 December 2022	£ 19,033	£ 17,376

Statement of assets and liabilities

Bank account	£ 18,988	£ 19,407
Petty Cash	£ 43	£ 50
Club Grapevine petty cash	£ 40	£ 40
Grapevine Dance Group petty cash	£ 50	£ 50
Money owed to Grapevine Essex	£ 233	£ 540
Money owed by Grapevine Essex	-£ 321	-£ 2,711
	£ 19,033	£ 17,376

Spot the Difference

There are 7 differences between the pictures below - see if you can find them all.



Membership Application



Your details

Membership is available to anyone with a learning disability and aged 18 or over

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Date of Birth	
Tel No	
Mobile No	
Email Address	
Diagnosis or brief description of disability	
Where did you hear about Grapevine Essex?	

Membership Fee

Annual Membership Fee: £15

Payment options:

Cheques/postal orders payable to Grapevine Essex

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/GRAPEVINEESSEX>

Or by bank transfer - please ask for bank details

Members have the opportunity to participate in approximately 35 specially organised and supported recreational and educational events per year at subsidised prices.

Members are also entitled to participate in the weekly term time groups:

*Grapevine Essex Dance Team** (Monday evenings at The Boswells School, Chelmsford) and *Club Grapevine** (Tuesday evenings at Moulsham School, Chelmsford).

*Weekly subscription fees apply

Please return this form with your payment to:

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Your details

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Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Tel No / Mobile No	
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GRAPEVINE ESSEX

FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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“Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth.” William Watson Purkey

Mission Statement

To make an impact on the lives of adults with learning disabilities by providing the necessary tools for change to enable them to lead active and purposeful lives.

Our purpose, our values, our services:

Grapevine Essex is committed to providing an excellent and professional service to adults with learning disabilities; comprising affordable, confidence building and educational opportunities that teach life skills, support independent living and improve employability.

The supported outings and activities provided ensure valuable

respite to parents and carers, in addition to raising acceptance and awareness of adults with learning difficulties within the general public.

Most of all, we are dedicated to ensuring our members have fun, develop friendships and enhance their lives within a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Structure and Governance

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 and achieved charity status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2013 with the registered Charity Number 1151261. Our governing document is the CIO Constitution, which was also agreed in 2013 and is reviewed on a regular basis.

In accordance with Charity Commission regulations, we have an elected Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the governance of the group. Charity trustees are elected on the basis of the relevant skills and attributes they possess that enable them to perform important functions within the charity. Trustees who were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2022 are:

Mrs Jackie Holland	Chair
Mrs Monika Kelly	Treasurer
Mrs Vanessa Hellier	Secretary
Mrs Jane Crossman	Trustee
Mrs Sue Johns	Trustee
Mrs Mary Schultz	Trustee
Mr Peter Schultz	Trustee

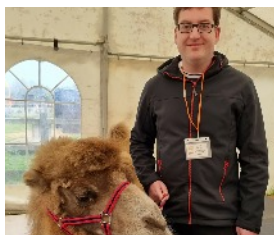
Grapevine Essex was formed to meet the need locally for adults with learning disabilities to join a club where they can experience opportunities via our extensive activity programme that would not otherwise be available to them. Grapevine provides over 40 outings and

events during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. These can include trips to historical venues, theme parks, theatres, outdoor activity centres, wildlife parks and residential mini-breaks to name just a few.

In term time, we hold two weekly evening clubs - a Dance Group, and Club Grapevine, which is a social club providing organised activities. Both are very well attended.

Adults with learning disabilities can lead sedentary and sheltered lives and are at a particular disadvantage in our society with relation to involvement in leisure and social activities. This may be due to communication difficulties, a lack of confidence, qualified help and support or financial restrictions. People who are intellectually disadvantaged can be socially marginalised and isolated. Some of our members live in segregated settings, with few, if any, social relationships within the wider community.

Belonging to Grapevine Essex helps to motivate our members and improve their quality of life by providing exciting opportunities to get involved with, alongside some regular and familiar activities too. Members form relationships and make friends; and belonging to the 'Grapevine Family' becomes an important part of their lives.



We Listen, We Act, We Care



Jackie Holland & Vanessa Helliier



Mary Schultz



Adrian Heighes



Simon Jones

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 by Jackie Holland and Vanessa Helliier and we have over 150 members. We are honoured to have Peter Turrall MBE as our President, and Lord Petre, 18th Baron Petre KCVO as our Patron.

Jackie's role as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Charity Manager includes planning and organising all the activities and events for members, managing the accounts and overseeing the general running of the charity. Jackie holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction). Jackie manages the charity from her home in St Osyth.

Vanessa's role as Member Support Manager involves organising the support for members and supervising the volunteer team. She also runs our two weekly clubs during term times: Club Grapevine and the Dance Group. Vanessa holds qualifications in First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Epilepsy Awareness; Autism Awareness and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

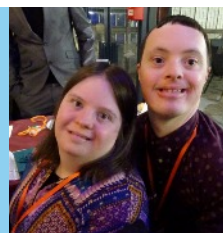
Mary Schultz works alongside Vanessa in providing support for members and also organises the Art and Craft Workshops. Mary holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid At Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable

Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction) and Autism Awareness.

Adrian Heighes is a Support Assistant for people with complex needs. He is currently studying for a BSc Hons in Health and Social Care and holds the following qualifications: QCF/NVQ Level Two: Health & Social Care; NVQ Level Three: Employment Law; Understanding Autism, Fire Safety, Health & Safety, Nutrition & Wellbeing, Infection Control & Prevention, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Dementia Awareness, Makaton, The Autism Act 2009, Manual Handling; First Aid at Work and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

Simon Jones is a qualified SEN teacher and actively works teaching adults with alternative needs across a broad spectrum at a local Essex College. He holds the following qualifications, DETS / LV5 (teaching diploma), HND in Early Childhood studies and BTEC Level 3 Social Care. Simon has been working within the SEN sector for over fifteen years and is an experienced behaviour support manager, personal assistant, classroom assistant and manager and qualified teacher. In a nutshell, Simon loves his job!

Other support staff and volunteers are offered 'Emergency First Aid at Work' training. All members of the Grapevine Team have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance where required.



Chair's Annual Review 2022



In January 2022, we had our 10th anniversary, which we celebrated with a gala dinner at Mulberry House. We had a wonderful evening with a close-up magician, live music and lots of dancing. Among our special guests were some old faces that members were delighted to see including Jenni Walkling (nee Stratford); Josh Stratford and Debbie Holdsworth.

Throughout the rest of the year, we had so many wonderful trips and events with members. My favourite outing was going to the UK Sailing Academy at the Isle of Wight where participants gained so much confidence on the water. We were complimented on what a lovely group Grapevine were - polite and helpful and willing to give anything a try. We were all so proud of our members and their considerable achievements.

The trustees and I were delighted to welcome Simon Jones to the Grapevine

Team in April. He works as a SEN teacher at a local college in term time and supports Grapevine members at our events during the holidays. Simon is a valuable addition to the team and a pleasure to work with.

Regrettably, this year has seen the biggest increase in our costs since we started 10 years ago and we've had no choice but to pass these costs onto members in our fees. Believe it or not, coach prices have doubled in the last few years! We are so grateful to our benefactors who made such generous donations but if we are to continue offering the same service, we will need to work really hard on grant funding applications and more fundraising events.

Jackie Holland Chair & Charity Manager



"It is such a relief as a parent to know that your child (even though they are an adult) is safe, happy and well looked after" Monika Kelly (Danielle's mum)



President's Report



It is always my pleasure to read the list of activities which Grapevine Essex present to our Members. I feel sure these are the best that any organisation can offer and this is entirely due to the hard work of our Chairman Jackie and her Committee.

Unfortunately I was unable to take part in any of the organised events over the past year but I hope during the Summer programme I will be able to join you on the odd occasion. Hopefully the weather will stay fine and that many of you will support the organisers of the

varied and interesting Summer programme. I know how members look forward to these events and especially the residential ones.

The AGM is a very important aspect of our organisation and I am pleased that most of the Committee are putting themselves up for re-election. Congratulations are due to them and our Chairman Jackie as many hours are devoted by this Committee to sorting out weekly and monthly programmes and taking part in the organised events. They deserve our utmost support.

With very best wishes for the coming year.

Peter A.T. Turrall MBE
President

"I loved the residential trip to Darsham, we had loads of fun. It was a really big place. I also liked to go to the zoo this Easter and the games at Geek Retreat" Danielle Kelly



Club Grapevine



Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm, term time only
Moulsham School, Brian Close, Chelmsford CM2 9ES
Contact: Vanessa@grapevineessex.org.uk / 07976 578868

I would like to show my appreciation to all the Club Grapevine volunteers: Jane, Karen, Adrian, Sarah, Grace, Emma for all their support and help. I would also like to thank Mary for organising and preparing Arts and Crafts evenings and Eileen and Trish for helping and Tom for taking on our quiz nights and preparing the questions. Thanks to DJ JoJo, Jan and Denis for doing the disco, film night and Karaoke each term. A big, big thank you to all the carers that bring the members to Club each

week and help us all out.

Club Grapevine continues to carry on growing with new members each year. I'd like to thank all the members that are able to pay up front for the activities, as this makes it much easier for us in collecting fees. We now have an average of 60-65 members most weeks. Bowling and Disco will always be the most popular activities. Unfortunately, City Bowl is still not open, but fingers crossed we can get back there soon. I hope everyone enjoys all the Club nights and if you have any suggestions for other activities we could offer, then please let me know.



In memory of Colin Gooday, who was a very big part of Club Grapevine and Grapevine Essex, we introduced the Colin Gooday Kindness Award. This is awarded annually to someone who the Committee feels has those same qualities of being kind and looking out for others. This year the award was presented to Robbie Howchin. Well done, Robbie.

Sadly, regular Club attendee Ian Roberts passed away earlier in the year. His mum Anne wanted to set up a special award recognising the great pleasure that Ian took in joining the art workshops. So, in memory of Ian, the Art and Craft Award 2022 was presented to Alex El-Holiby for his dedication to his artwork. Well done, Alex.

Vanessa Hellier, Club Grapevine Manager



Dance Group

Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, term time only
The Boswells School, Burnham Road, Chelmsford CM1 6LY
Contact: Vanessa Hellier - Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868



So, yet another year has come to an end! I am pleased that we have 70% of our members paying in advance for the whole term, it would be great if more could do this, as it makes it a lot easier when collecting fees.

I would like to give a big thank you to Jean Hunter for teaching the classes and coming up with new dances when needed. I would like to thank our volunteer team Lynne, Lesley and Gail for supporting our dancers every week.

This year, The Katie Whalley Dance Achievement Award was given to Danielle Kelly for the help she gives to other members at the dance classes. Well done Danielle!

Vanessa Hellier, Dance Group Manager

The Grapevine Essex Dance Group continue to meet regularly at The Boswells School, Chelmsford on Monday evenings. We have successfully participated in the following events:-

The Boswells Community Dance Shows in April and July 2022.

The Chelmsford Day of Dance in the town centre, June 2022

We look forward now to performing soon at Columbus College, the Chelmsford Carnival, and the next Boswells show in 2023.

Jean Hunter, Dance Teacher

Performance Overview 2022

Grapevine Essex provides educational and recreational activities for adults with learning disabilities living in Essex. Our priority is to support our members' well-being by increasing their confidence, so they feel valued and able to contribute meaningfully to society and live more fulfilled lives.

We haven't analysed our attendance figures since 2019 as 2020-2021 were not representative of Grapevine's main focus. However 2022 figures show that we still have some way to go to get back to pre-pandemic levels of attendance. The reasons for this are multi-layered with many people still being very wary of the risks of catching

Covid but also the cost of living crisis has had a big impact. Disappointingly, figures for 2022 show a 25% decrease in attendance levels when compared to 2019 (see Fig.1). Our efforts to draw members back and start to build their confidence again are severely hampered by the huge price increases that affect every part of our charity's work.

A review of the type of events offered shows the varied split of activities available:

- Life Enhancing - e.g. theatre trips
- Educational - e.g. historic venues
- Creative - e.g. art and craft
- Fitness and Exercise - e.g. dance
- Life Skills - e.g. cooking (see Fig.2).

Fig 1

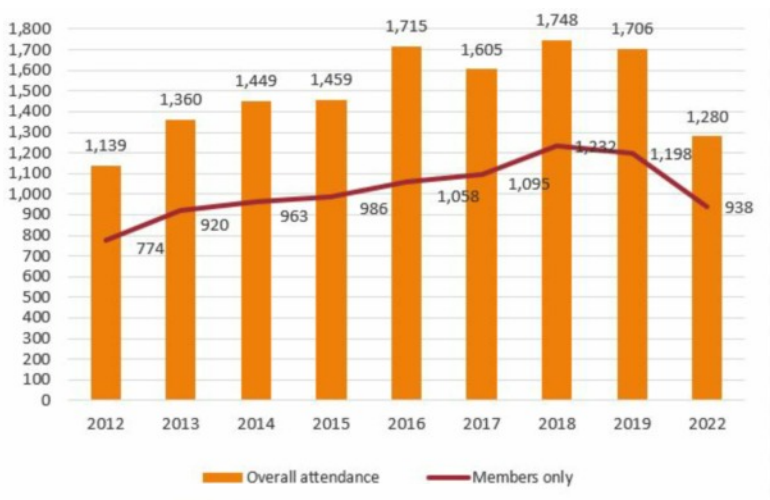
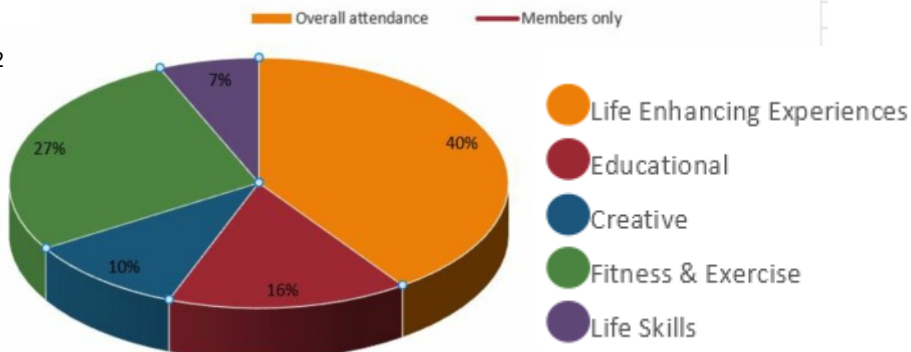


Fig 2



What People Say...



Adrian and Simon.

Paul Bibby (Aaron's Dad)

Louan loves going to see his friends and especially the trips away.

David Moore (Louan's carer)

I absolutely love volunteering for Grapevine and find it incredibly rewarding. I previously taught many members and it's wonderful to see their development, especially in terms of social skills and making friends. Belonging to Grapevine clearly helps motivate members and improves their quality of life, whilst having fun and trying new opportunities within a safe and familiar environment.

Emma Wyatt, Volunteer

Jill loves her time on Tuesday evenings at Club but loves the many outings even more, especially Fishing!

Cathy Knight (Jill's sister)

Emel loves Tuesday evenings and the variety of activities: Tickled Pink, bingo, disco etc. She loves her friends she has made and enjoys going out in the evening.

Caroline Curran (Emel's Mum)



Grapevine Essex was good last year. I liked art and outside activities and had happy times in 2022.

Thomas Turrall

I have such a good time with Grapevine and enjoy going on the outings. My favourites are Legoland, Crazy Golf at Rascal Bay, Colchester Castle and Museums, Christmas at Hever Castle, Elf the Musical, seeing Maisie Smith In Strictly Ballroom and Back to the Future.

I'm looking forward to future trips.

Ellen Schultz

Another fun packed year, going to some wonderful places and getting to see our members enjoy themselves, this is the most important thing. Over Summer last year, we had 15 trips, all brilliant in their own way but my favourites were UKSA Isle of Wight and the London Walking Tour with Dr Aaron Hunter. It never ceases to amaze me how daring our Grapeviners are, plunging into water, kayaking and just having fun. Although, I was born and brought up in London, Dr. Hunter has opened it up a lot more for me and it is a joy to see how he interacts with everyone, sharing all his little secrets. I am amazed at how much history people know and how they interact with Aaron. At Xmas, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Christmas at Hever Castle and Back to the Future were definitely my favourites. Exploring the Light Trail in the grounds of Hever Castle in the rain did not put some of us off and we had a great time.

I do not know how Jackie continuously comes up with new ideas for outings, we



are all very grateful to her and Vanessa for their time and effort.

Mary Schultz (Trustee and Ellen's Mum)

Every week at Club we share a lovely evening with our members. Some have been coming for years and we have new ones joining each term. They enjoy all the activities, especially bingo, arts and crafts, quizzes and discos. Good times!

Jane Crossman (Trustee)

The summer activities and residential were extremely good. **The Curve Water** sport activity was a real challenge for most of the Grapevine visitors. It was really great to see them all have so much fun and try new things. The joy on some of their faces when they completed a challenging journey across the very wobbly and wet course was amazing to watch. **Isle of Wight** was



absolutely fantastic. The accommodation was clean and new, the food was good (DO BRING YOUR OWN CUP). There were many activities that were tried by many.

Some people

overcame some fears and were rightly very proud of themselves. Paul managed to paddle-board standing up and get back on by himself when he fell off. Tim tried many activities, he had not tried before and was very good at them, much to his own surprise. I would like to thank the Grapevine organisers, staff and volunteers for this wonderful opportunity for Grapevine members to experience new things and a chance to socialise in a safe and caring environment. It is such a relief as a Parent to know that your child (even

though they are an adult) is safe, happy and well looked after.

Monika Kelly, Trustee Treasurer (Danielle's Mum)

My favourite place is Harry Potter, we saw loads of things and you could walk through Harry Potters house. I would love to go again. At The Curve, I got across loads of the paths on the course and did not fall in very much. We had a lot of fun and were laughing a lot. The Isle of Wight trip was really good, we shared rooms and could talk before going to sleep. I drove a boat all by myself and went in a canoe. There were lots of fish in the water. We played pool in the bar. We got Adrian wet and he fell in the water. YAY

Danielle Kelly

As a new member of the team I am overwhelmed by the warm welcome I've received.



Grapevine offers exceptional trips and social experiences to members, giving them opportunities that are well structured, organised and most importantly fun.

Simon Jones, Support Worker

I had a good day at Southend theatre seeing Snow White with Grapevine 10/10

Joshua Beaumont

I feel Grapevine has something to offer for everyone; from relaxing and informative trips to adventurous and confidence-building activities. It's great to see members challenge themselves, and with the fantastic knowledge from staff and volunteers, they walk away from a trip with a massive sense of achievement and stronger social skills.

Adrian Heighes, Support Worker

With special thanks to all our benefactors



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Billericay & District Angling Club
Billericay Lions
Birt, Mrs. M.
Bolton, Mr. R.
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"I previously taught many Grapevine members and it's wonderful to see their development, especially in terms of social skills and making friends" Emma Wyatt, Volunteer

Treasurer's Report



Charities with an annual income of less than £1million are not required to have their accounts audited but must be inspected by an Independent Examiner.

Mr. Robert Andrews is registered with the Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) and has inspected the Annual Accounts. A report on his findings is provided on page 16.

Grapevine is not in receipt of any government funding; the income is composed of fundraising, grants, donations and members' fees.

The principal on-going risk to the future of the charity is a reduction in the income

required to pay the staff that manage the charity and organise the events, which are enjoyed by the majority of our members, as well as the rising energy and cost of living increases, which affect transport costs and entrance fees.

At the end of 2022, Grapevine Essex is in a sound financial position. There is a bank balance of £19,407 and cash-in-hand of £140.

We were delighted to receive grants and donations of £9,960, The Benefactors are listed on Page 14. Gift Aid of £421 was recovered on donations received in the 2021-2022 period.

Regular fundraising activities - namely the Barn Dance, the Fun Walk and the Quiz Night raised a total of £2703 after costs. We are very pleased that these events continue to be well supported in the local community. If you would like to discuss any potential grants or donations, fundraising or sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch.

Reserves Policy: Due to the rising costs, we need to increase our reserves. Grapevine Essex plans to retain a minimum of £7,000 as free reserves this year, representing the average expenditure for one series of events.

Monika Kelly, Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Grapevine Essex charity no 1151261, which are set out on page 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.



Robert Andrews MA, ACIB, FCIE
3 Seward's End, Wickford, SS12 9PB
18 July 2023

Relevant Professional Qualification:

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners



Accounts for the Year 2022

Grapevine Essex Registered charity no: 1151261

Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Receipts	£	£
Income from members		
Membership fees	1,570	219
Activities		
Dance Group fees	5,179	1,219
Club Grapevine fees	11,362	2,355
Outings & events	40,776	20,501
Transport contributions	414	219
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	3,881	1,436
Sale of merchandise	362	81
Grants & donations	9,960	10,083
Gift Aid recovered on donations	421	778
Other income	95	471
Total receipts	<u>74,020</u>	<u>37,362</u>
Payments	£	£
Activities		
Dance Group operating costs	3,055	1,130
Club Grapevine operating costs	6,557	2,031
Club Refunds	75	-
Outings & events	34,508	18,457
Outings & Events refunds	625	122
Transport	10,012	4,089
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	1,178	111
Cost of merchandise	813	96
Staff and volunteers		
Salaries	17,377	8,777
Training	1,196	15
Expenses reimbursed	386	154
Sundry staff & volunteer costs	148	-
Administration		
Stationery, website, postage, printing	2,606	3,395
Insurance	742	748
Equipment & supplies	199	177
Subscriptions	96	146
Bank charges & interest	224	-
Sundry expenditure	326	175
Total payments	<u>80,123</u>	<u>39,623</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(6,103)	(2,261)
Cash balances 1 January 2022	23,479	25,740
Cash balances 31 December 2022	<u>17,376</u>	<u>23,479</u>
Statement of assets and liabilities		
Bank account	19,407	24,956
Petty cash	50	-
Club Grapevine petty cash	40	50
Grapevine Dance Group petty cash	50	50
Money owed to Grapevine Essex	540	110
Money owed by Grapevine Essex	(2,711)	(1,687)
	<u>17,376</u>	<u>23,479</u>

Grapevine Essex Theatre Trips

F	N	A	D	L	I	T	A	M	H	J	F	T	D	Z
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DIRTY DANCING
ELF
FROZEN
GREASE
HIGH SCHOOL ROCK
KINKY BOOTS

LET IT BE
LION KING
MAMMA MIA
MATILDA
MOTOWN

ROCKY HORROR
SHOW
SISTER ACT
THE SNOWMAN
WE WILL ROCK YOU
WIZARD OF OZ



Membership Application 2023

Your details

Membership is available to anyone with a learning disability and aged 18 or over

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Date of Birth	
Tel No	
Mobile No	
Email Address	
Diagnosis or description of disability	
Where did you hear about us?	

Membership Fee

Annual Membership Fee: £10

Payment options:

Cheques/postal orders payable to Grapevine Essex

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/GRAPEVINEESSEX>

Or by bank transfer - please ask for bank details

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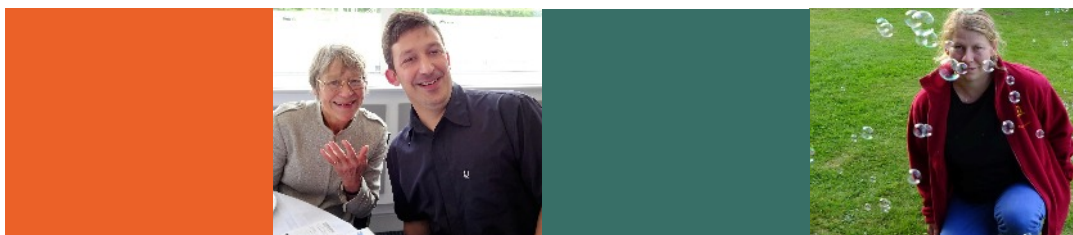


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**“Believe you can and you’re half way there...”
– Theodore Roosevelt**

Mission Statement

To make an impact on the lives of adults with learning disabilities by providing the necessary tools for change to enable them to lead active and purposeful lives.

Our purpose, our values, our services:

Grapevine Essex is committed to providing an excellent and professional service to adults with learning disabilities; comprising affordable, confidence building and educational opportunities that teach life skills, support independent living and improve employability.

The supported outings and activities provided ensure valuable respite to

parents and carers, in addition to raising acceptance and awareness of adults with learning difficulties within the general public.

Most of all, we are dedicated to ensuring our members have fun, develop friendships and enhance their lives within a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Structure and Governance

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 and achieved charity status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2013 with the registered Charity Number 1151261. Our governing document is the CIO Constitution, which was also agreed in 2013 and is reviewed on a regular basis.

In accordance with Charity Commission regulations, we have an elected Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the governance of the group. Charity trustees are elected on the basis of the relevant skills and attributes they possess that enable them to perform important functions within the charity. Trustees who were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 4 May 2021 are:

Mrs Jackie Holland	Chair
Mrs Monika Kelly	Treasurer
Mrs Vanessa Hellier	Secretary
Mrs Jane Crossman	Trustee
Mrs Sue Johns	Trustee
Mrs Mary Schultz	Trustee
Mr Peter Schultz	Trustee

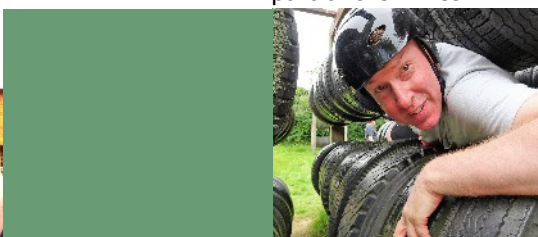
Grapevine Essex was formed to meet the need locally for adults with learning disabilities to join a club where they can experience opportunities via our extensive activity programme that would not otherwise be available to them. Grapevine provides over 40 outings and

events during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. These can include trips to historical venues, theme parks, theatres, outdoor activity centres, wildlife parks and residential mini-breaks to name just a few.

In term time, we hold two weekly evening clubs - a Dance Group, and Club Grapevine, which is a social club providing organised activities. Both are very well attended.

Adults with learning disabilities can lead sedentary and sheltered lives and are at a particular disadvantage in our society with relation to involvement in leisure and social activities. This may be due to communication difficulties, a lack of confidence, qualified help and support or financial restrictions. People who are intellectually disadvantaged can be socially marginalised and isolated. Some of our members live in segregated settings, with few, if any, social relationships within the wider community.

Belonging to Grapevine Essex helps to motivate our members and improve their quality of life by providing exciting opportunities to get involved with, alongside some regular and familiar activities too. Members form relationships and make friends; and belonging to the 'Grapevine Family' becomes an important part of their lives.



We Listen, We Act, We Care



Jackie Holland & Vanessa Hellier

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 by Jackie Holland and Vanessa Hellier and we have over 150 members.

We are honoured to have Peter Turrall MBE as our President, and Lord Petre, 18th Baron Petre KCVO as our Patron.

Jackie's role as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Charity Manager includes planning and organising all the activities and events for members, managing the accounts and overseeing the general running of the charity. Jackie holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction).

Vanessa's role as Member Support Manager involves organising the support for members and supervising the volunteer team. She also runs our two weekly clubs during term times: Club Grapevine and the Dance Group. Vanessa holds qualifications in First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Epilepsy Awareness; Autism Awareness and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

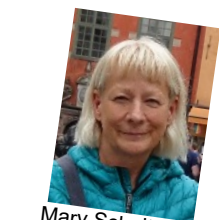
Mary Schultz works alongside Vanessa in providing support for members and also organises the Art and Craft Workshops. Mary holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid At Work; Risk

Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction) and Autism Awareness.

Jane Crossman is the Funding and Administrative Officer and she helps Jackie in applying for grants and various other administrative duties, as well as volunteering at our events and Club nights. Jane holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction).

Adrian Heighes is a Support Assistant for people with complex needs. He is currently studying for a BSc Hons in Health and Social Care and holds the following qualifications: QCF/NVQ Level Two: Health & Social Care; NVQ Level Three: Employment Law; Understanding Autism, Fire Safety, Health & Safety, Nutrition & Wellbeing, Infection Control & Prevention, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Dementia Awareness, Makaton, The Autism Act 2009, Manual Handling; First Aid at Work and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

Other support staff and volunteers are offered 'Emergency First Aid at Work' training. All members of the Grapevine Team have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance where required.



Mary Schultz



Adrian Heighes & Jane Crossman

"Thank you Grapevine organisers and volunteers for making my daughter's life so much richer"



Chair's Annual Review 2021



After 2020 being a complete washout for Grapevine's activities, we hoped that 2021 would bring

some relief from the black cloud that is Covid-19. We provided free membership to all our existing members to make up for the previous year but unfortunately the Covid situation was not much different and the year began in the same vein.

We were disappointed that our Clubs weren't able to open and no Easter activities could be planned. Thank goodness for online video calls and Sport for Confidence! We carried on with our twice weekly Zoom sessions until June; and Sport for Confidence were able to offer socially distanced weekly sessions that members could participate in.

However, the situation had started to improve by the start of the summer, and with vaccinations and rapid testing, we were able to hold an exciting programme of Summer events. It was lovely to be able to get out and meet up with members face-to-face again. The summer events were so much fun and we enjoyed two

amazing residential trips. My favourite was to the Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean. We had a large country house and 30 acres of glorious private grounds all to ourselves. Members were able to take part in archery, climbing, caving, team building games and lots more.

It was a wonderful relaxing break.

In September, our Dance Group and Club Grapevine were able to restart and

things were really getting back to normal for Grapevine members. The Winter activities were almost stalled again due to a new Covid variant but thankfully, we were able to enjoy everything that we'd planned.

For me personally, life became exceptionally busy around the end of the year because we moved house and are now living by the sea in St Osyth. This doesn't change anything with Grapevine, I will still continue running the charity from home and organising lots of lovely events for a long time to come.

Jackie Holland
Chair & Charity Manager



President's Report



Members have been very patient during the unprecedented lock-downs but I feel soon you will be well refreshed and ready to enjoy all the activities planned for the future programmes.

I am truly very pleased to see the progress Grapevine Essex has made over the last ten years, thanks to Jackie and her Committee. Grapevine from its management and operational point of view is one of the strongest Charitable organisations in this area. With your support this will continue.

The warm days of Summer will soon be here and I wish all of you a very happy and pleasant time no matter what you are doing and hopefully some of you will be taking a very much deserved holiday.

Best wishes,

Peter A.T. Turrall MBE
President

The last two years have been difficult ones for many of us due to the Pandemic and many planned events were cancelled. I do hope we are over the worst and that from now onward, regular planned activities can take place. I have not been able to make contact with many of our members but the horizon looks brighter and perhaps you will see me at one or two of the Summer 2022 events.

Our Chairman Jackie, together with Vanessa and all our Grapevine Committee will make sure you have an excellent year, and health permitting, many of you will take advantage of the planned event programmes.

“As always thank you for everything you do in even more difficult circumstances than ever”



Club Grapevine



Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm, term time only
Columbus College, Partridge Avenue, Chelmsford CMI 4JG
Contact: Vanessa@grapevineessex.org.uk / 07976 578868

I would like to show my appreciation to all the Club Grapevine volunteers for their support and help in another quite strange year.

We made it back to Club in September and our members were very excited to return. Club Grapevine continues to grow, with more new members each year; we're now averaging 55-60 members participating each week.

Unfortunately, we still haven't been able to go bowling, due to the bowling alley being closed but hope we can get back there soon. At the start of the year, we had Zoom sessions twice a week with quite a few discos and karaoke sessions, cooking, bingo and quizzes.



In memory of Colin Gooday who was a very big part of Club Grapevine and Grapevine Essex, we decided to award a kindness award each year to someone who we thought deserved it. So, this year the Colin Gooday Kindness Award was presented by Colin's wife June to Annabelle Hilton for the help she gives other members.

Vanessa Hellier
Club Grapevine Manager



Dance Group

Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, term time only
The Boswells School, Burnham Road, Chelmsford CM1 6LY
Contact: Vanessa Hellier - Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868



So, yet another unusual year has come to an end! I would like to give a big thank you to Steven Turner for teaching the zoom classes for the first half of the year and coming up with dance routines for the members to follow. We were glad to get back to actual dance classes again in September.

I'd also like to thank Lynne, Gail and Lesley our volunteers and Jean Hunter the dance teacher for coming each week and helping the dancers with their routines.



This year, The Katie Whalley Dance Achievement Award was presented to Wendy Pond for the joy she gives to other members at the dance classes. Well done, Wendy!

Vanessa Hellier
Dance Group Manager

It was lovely to get back to some 'in person' classes towards the end of 2021 and we have revived the pre lockdown dance of 'Fireball'.

Everyone has amazing memories and recall and great enthusiasm as usual.

We are also starting a second dance, *"I'm Still Standing"*, by Elton John, in preparation for the April Community Show at the Boswells School.

Jean Hunter
Dance Teacher

Performance Overview 2021

Grapevine Essex provides educational and recreational activities for adults with learning disabilities living in Essex. Our priority is to support our members' well-being by increasing their confidence, so they feel valued and able to contribute meaningfully to society and live more fulfilled lives.

Since the start of the pandemic, the world has been a very different place and 2021 was a bit of a stop/start year. Grapevine responded to this by continuing to provide free online activities 2-3 times a week until June. These were surprisingly popular and members adapted well. We were able to reinstate face-to-face events in July. A review of the type of events held showed a fairly even split of:

Life Enhancing - e.g. theatre trips

Educational - e.g. historic venues

Creative - e.g. art and craft

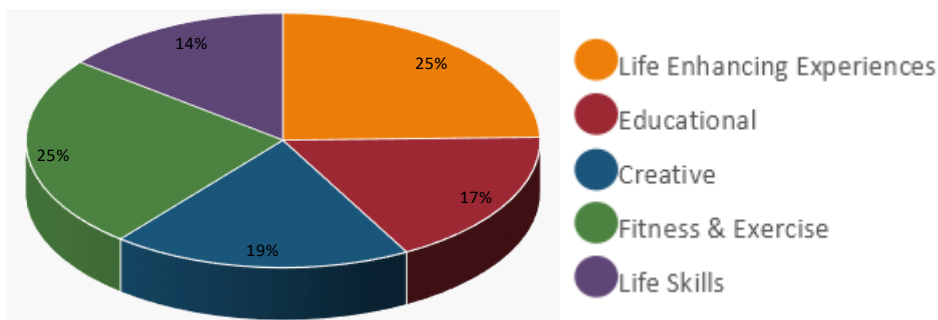
Fitness and Exercise - e.g. dance

Life Skills - e.g. cooking (see graph below).

A recent survey asked if members felt that attending Grapevine events had improved their well-being and confidence and if they felt safe at Grapevine events. 100% of respondents answered 'Yes' to both questions.

The Summer programme consisted of 12 events from Crazy Golf in Chelmsford to Lion King in the West End. We also enjoyed an overnight trip to Suffolk and three days at the Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean. Over the Winter season, members enjoyed pantomimes, parties and a good old-fashioned Christmas variety show.

Attendance at some events was lower than we're used to as people were still nervous of mixing with others but generally, members and parents were reassured by Grapevine's policy regarding vaccines and rapid testing. We are confident that attendance levels will continue to increase next year.



What People Say...

I enjoyed doing the orienteering and the archery and football at the Wilderness Centre last year.

Andy Brooks



The first part of 2021 was still zoom sessions for Ellen. She really enjoyed these and loved seeing her friends online.

When the Christmas trips came, she was up



for all of them - dancing the night away at the Christmas party to the Beavers, three shows/pantos and our long awaited 10th Anniversary party

at Mulberry House. Great food and perfect venue.

It was such a shame that storm Eunice decided to postpone our Warner Studios trip but Ellen is still really looking forward to seeing Harry in May.

Thanks to Jackie and Vanessa for providing such varied trips.

Mary Schultz (Ellen's Mum)

Returning to Club nights has welcomed many happy faces, its really good to see all the members again. Despite the challenges we have been able to offer a full Tuesday programme and the increasing numbers show how keen everyone has been to come back and join in all our activities. I love how helpful our members are and its great to see their friendships develop, new and old. Long may it continue!

Jane Crossman, Volunteer

I liked Chelmsford Racecourse because I enjoyed placing bets and seeing the horses

race. Lion King was my favourite too because of all the songs.

Ellen Shultz

Jill said her favourite activities are the craft evenings and the fishing outings!!

Cathy Knight (Jill's sister)



I had a good day at Mersea with my friends 10/10.

Josh Beaumont

Emel loves coming to Grapevine so she can see her friends.

Caroline Curran (Emel's mum)



Kemi loved the archery - it was good fun!

Ursula Cohen (Kemi's PA)

I enjoyed going to the races at Chelmsford City Racecourse. I liked the food and watching the horses.

Steven Paine



The guys from Creative Support love coming to Grapevine to make new friends.

Kaylee Sheridan, Creative Support

Tom loved the residential trip to the Wilderness Centre and Chelmsford Racecourse the best.

Nevina Walker
(Tom's mum)



2020 was a bad year for everyone because of Covid. Jackie Holland come to the rescue with Zoom activities on Tuesdays and Fridays; it was so good that we could see our friends online. In summer 2021 we met up with other people from Grapevine Essex; we had a good time and was fun to see them. Thank you to Jane, Sarah, Grace, Karen and Adrian for helping out on Tuesday night club. Thank you to Mary,

Eileen, Trish and Cathy for doing the art for us, it's very good of them to help us. A big thank



you to Vanessa for running the Dance Club and Club Grapevine and for picking people up who can't get to club or do trips. Thank you so much Jackie for all the nice trips you book, it's very interesting and you cater for every need possible. The things I really enjoyed were the horse racing, theatre trips, going to London and the meals out. A big thank you to Mary for taking all the photographs and putting them on Facebook for us to look at what we've done

Lianne Nice

After 8 years as a volunteer for Grapevine, it is a pleasure to help out the members. Knowing that without our voluntary service,

so many special people would miss out on a great experience, makes it all worthwhile.

Karen Brasted, Volunteer

I loved all the activities provided by Grapevine this year. I love going to different places with my friends and have fun. I did like the Zoom sessions too, but prefer to be with people I can laugh and have fun with. I particularly love the residential trips. Vanessa and Adrian make me laugh. They are really funny. I love



going to see different shows and travelling on the bus with my friends. I hope we will have loads of activities in 2022.

Danielle Kelly

Danielle enjoys all the trips organised by Grapevine. She feels she belongs and looks forward to being with her friends on the outings. She feels safe and is more content with her life, due to variety of outings and friendships she would otherwise miss out on. Danielle also really enjoys the Dance class on Monday evenings and looks forward to the shows and performances. This has improved her confidence and reduces her anxieties. Tuesday evenings can never come quick enough for her to go to Grapevine Club. She loves socialising and tells me all the different experiences she encounters, i.e. snakes, art activities and Adrian (a firm favourite). Thank you Grapevine organisers and volunteers for making my daughter's life so much richer.

Monika Kelly (Danielle's mum)

With special thanks to all our benefactors



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Treasurer's Report



Charities with an annual income of less than £1million are not required to have their accounts audited but an Independent Examiner must inspect them.

£100. At the end of December, we received invoices totaling £1687 for our Christmas events which were paid in January.

We were delighted to receive £10,083 grants and donations from various sources; these are listed as our Beneficiaries on page 14. Gift Aid of £778 was recovered on donations for the 2020-2021 period. Some of the grant funding Grapevine has received has been carried over to 2022.

Mr. Robert Andrews is registered with the Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) and has inspected the 2021 Annual Accounts. A report on his findings is provided on page 16.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, we did not charge membership fees to existing members during 2021.

Grapevine does not receive any government funding; our income is made up from fundraising, grants, donations and members' fees.

Regular fundraising activities - namely the Virtual Fun Walk and the Quiz Night raised a total of £1436. We are very pleased that these events continue to be well supported in the local community.

The principal on-going risk to the future of the charity is a reduction in the income required to pay the staff that manage the charity and organise the events, which are enjoyed by the majority of our members.

Reserves Policy: Due to the rising costs, we need to increase our reserves. Grapevine Essex plans to retain a minimum of £7,000 as free reserves this year, representing the average expenditure for one series of events.

At the end of 2021, Grapevine Essex is in a sound financial position. There is a bank balance of £24,956 and cash-in-hand of

Monika Kelly, Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

I report on the accounts of Grapevine Essex charity no 1151261 which are set out on page 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.



Robert Andrews MA, ACIB, FCIE
3 Swards End, Wickford, SS12 9PB
27 June 2022

Relevant Professional Qualification:

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners



Accounts for the Year 2021

Grapevine Essex Registered charity no: 1151261

Receipts & Payments

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts	2021 £	2020 £
Income from members		
Membership Fees	£ 219	£ 1,400
Activities		
Dance Group Fees	£ 1,219	£ 1,715
Club Grapevine Fees	£ 2,355	£ 3,746
Outings & Events	£ 20,501	£ 11,798
Transport contributions	£ 219	£ 93
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	£ 1,436	£ 2,371
Sale of merchandise	£ 81	£ 25
Grants & Donations	£ 10,083	£ 18,804
Gift Aid recovered on donations	£ 778	£ 766
Other income	£ 471	£ -
Total Receipts	£ 37,362	£ 40,718

Payments

Activities		
Dance Group operating costs	£ 1,130	£ 1,393
<i>Dance Refunds</i>	£ -	£ -
Club Grapevine operating costs	£ 2,031	£ 2,353
<i>Club Refunds</i>	£ -	£ 40
Outings & Events	£ 18,457	£ 6,776
<i>Outings & Events Refunds</i>	£ 122	£ 5,855
Transport	£ 4,089	£ 1,205
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	£ 111	£ -
Cost of merchandise	£ 96	£ 44
Staff and volunteers		
Salaries	£ 8,777	£ 9,558
Training	£ 15	£ 184
Expenses reimbursed	£ 154	£ 49
Sundry staff & volunteer costs	£ -	£ -
Administration		
Stationery, website, postage, printing	£ 3,395	£ 1,024
Insurance	£ 748	£ 743
Equipment & supplies	£ 177	£ 100
Subscriptions	£ 146	£ -
Sundry expenditure	£ 175	£ 26
Total payments	£ 39,623	£ 29,351
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-£ 2,261	£ 11,367
Cash balances 1 January 2021	£ 25,740	£ 14,374
Cash balances 31 December 2021	£ 23,479	£ 25,740

Statement of assets and liabilities

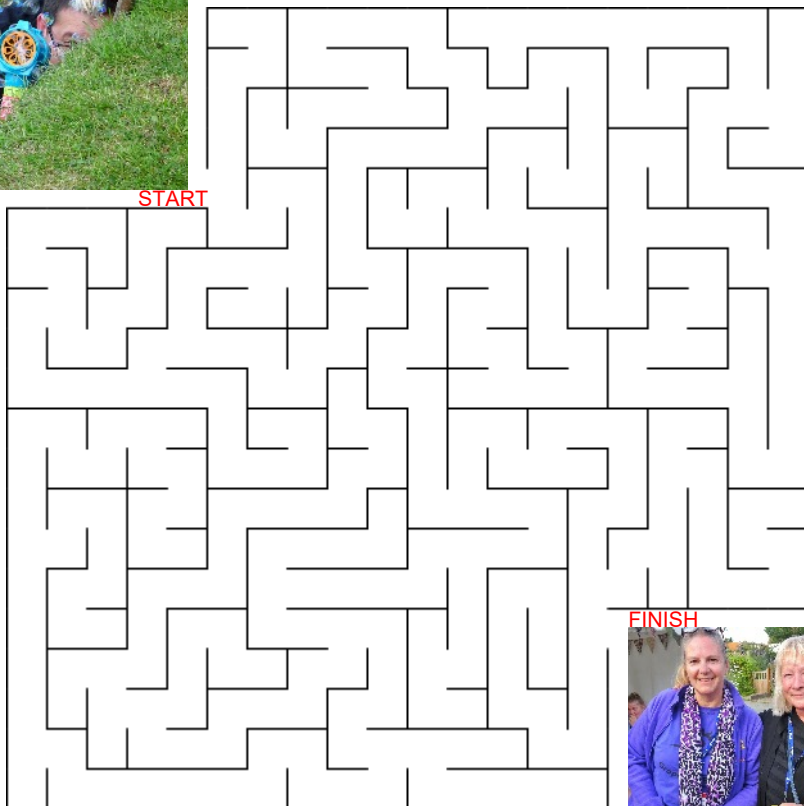
Bank account	£ 24,956	£ 25,971
Petty Cash	£ -	£ -
Club Grapevine petty cash	£ 50	£ 40
Grapevine Dance Group petty cash	£ 50	£ 50
Money owed to Grapevine Essex	£ 110	£ 20
Money owed by Grapevine Essex	-£ 1,687	-£ 341
	£ 23,479	£ 25,740

Grapevine Puzzle Maze

Can you help Adrian - the bubble monster - find Vanessa and Mary?



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Membership Application 2022

Your details

Membership is available to anyone with a learning disability and aged 18 or over

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Date of Birth	
Tel No	
Mobile No	
Email Address	
Brief description of disability	
Where did you hear about us?	

Membership Fee

Annual Membership Fee: £10

Payment options:

Cheques/postal orders payable to Grapevine Essex

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/GRAPEVINEESSEX>

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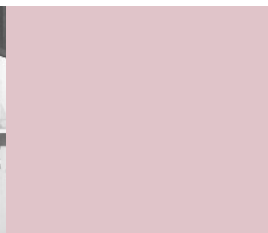
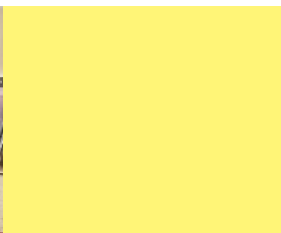
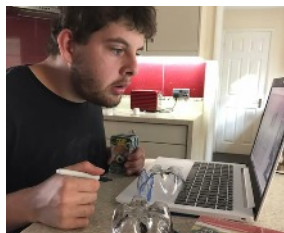


ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right” Henry Ford

Mission Statement

To make an impact on the lives of adults with learning disabilities by providing the necessary tools for change to enable them to lead active and purposeful lives.

Our purpose, our values, our services:

Grapevine Essex is committed to providing an excellent and professional service to adults with learning disabilities; comprising affordable, confidence building and educational opportunities that teach life skills, support independent living and improve employability.

The supported outings and activities provided ensure valuable respite to

parents and carers, in addition to raising acceptance and awareness of adults with learning difficulties within the general public.

Most of all, we are dedicated to ensuring our members have fun, develop friendships and enhance their lives within a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Structure and Governance

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 and achieved charity status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2013 with the registered Charity Number 1151261. Our governing document is the CIO Constitution, which was also agreed in 2013 and is reviewed on a regular basis.

In accordance with Charity Commission regulations, we have an elected Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the governance of the group. Charity trustees are elected on the basis of the relevant skills and attributes they possess that enable them to perform important functions within the charity. Trustees who were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 1 May 2020 are:

Mrs Jackie Holland	Chair
Mrs Monika Kelly	Treasurer
Mrs Vanessa Hellier	Secretary
Mrs Jane Crossman	
Mrs June Gooday	
Mrs Sue Johns	
Mrs Mary Schultz	
Mr Peter Schultz	

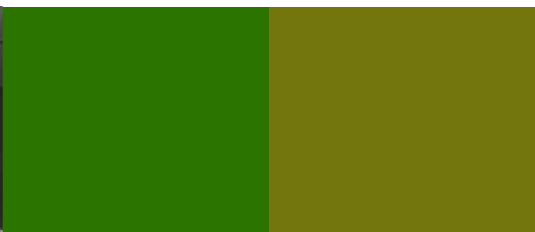
Grapevine Essex was formed to meet the need locally for adults with learning disabilities to join a club where they can experience opportunities via our extensive activity programme that would not otherwise be available to them. Grapevine

provides over 40 outings and events during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. These can include trips to historical venues, theme parks, theatres, outdoor activity centres, wildlife parks and residential mini-breaks to name just a few.

In term time, we hold two weekly evening clubs - a Dance Group, and Club Grapevine, which is a social club providing organised activities. Both are very well attended.

Adults with learning disabilities can lead sedentary and sheltered lives and are at a particular disadvantage in our society with relation to involvement in leisure and social activities. This may be due to communication difficulties, a lack of confidence, qualified help and support or financial restrictions. People who are intellectually disadvantaged can be socially marginalised and isolated. Some of our members live in segregated settings, with few, if any, social relationships within the wider community.

Belonging to Grapevine Essex helps to motivate our members and improve their quality of life by providing exciting opportunities to get involved with, alongside some regular and familiar activities too. Members form relationships and make friends; and belonging to the 'Grapevine Family' becomes an important part of their lives.



We Listen, We Act, We Care



Jackie Holland & Vanessa Hellier

Grapevine Essex was founded in January 2012 by Jackie Holland and Vanessa Hellier and we have over 150 members.

We are honoured to have Peter Turrall MBE as our President, and Lord Petre, 18th Baron Petre KCVO as our Patron.

Jackie's role as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Charity Manager includes planning and organising all the activities and events for members, managing the accounts and overseeing the general running of the charity. Jackie holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction).

Vanessa's role as Member Support Manager involves organising the support for members and supervising the volunteer team. She also runs our two weekly clubs during term times: Club Grapevine and the Dance Group. Vanessa holds qualifications in First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment; Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Epilepsy Awareness; Autism Awareness and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

Mary Schultz works alongside Vanessa in providing support for members and organises the Art and Craft Workshops. Mary holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment;

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction) and Autism Awareness.

Jane Crossman is the Funding and Administrative Officer and she helps Jackie in applying for grants and various other administrative duties, as well as volunteering at our events and Club nights. Jane holds qualifications in Emergency First Aid at Work; Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction).

Adrian Heighes is a Support Assistant for people with complex needs. He is currently studying for a BSc Hons in Health and Social Care and holds the following qualifications: QCF/NVQ Level Two: Health & Social Care; NVQ Level Three: Employment Law; Understanding Autism, Fire Safety, Health & Safety, Nutrition & Wellbeing, Infection Control & Prevention, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, level 3 (Higher Distinction); Dementia Awareness, Makaton, The Autism Act 2009, Manual Handling; First Aid at Work and is qualified to administer Buccal Midazolam.

Other support staff and volunteers are offered 'Emergency First Aid at Work' training. All members of the Grapevine Team have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance.



Mary Schultz



Adrian Heighes & Jane Crossman

"All the activities seem to go very well and Alex enjoys being a part of them" Beverley El-Holiby (Alex's Mum)



Chair's Annual Review



Well what a year 2020 was! It was so disappointing that all the carefully planned events due to take place throughout 2020 had to be cancelled. When I wrote in last year's Annual Report, I didn't dream that our lives would still be so dominated by Covid restrictions a whole year later.

In May 2020, we began holding free online Zoom sessions two or three times a week in place of our usual activities. We provided over 100 Zoom hours in 2020 alone!

Regular sessions include quizzes, bingo, dancing, baking and art. We've also had a few fascinating virtual tours, discos, storytelling and karaoke. Special thanks to Jono Bone and Andrew Goff for providing some of the quizzes; to Mary for the fantastic art sessions; Vanessa and Mary for running the bingo and last but not least to Steven 'Springy' Turner for providing the popular fortnightly Dance classes.

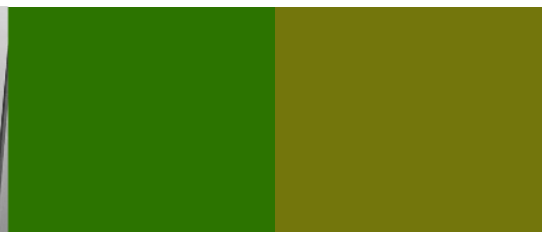
We usually have around 15-20 attendees for each session who really enjoy the different activities but we are sorry that there are lots of members that we haven't been able to reach in this way.

We have also been pleased to partner with Sport for Confidence to offer socially distanced team sports either at a park or at Riverside Sports Centre when restrictions have allowed. We have been able to reach a few more members in this way but only in limited numbers.

It was partly due to this and partly due to having received some very generous donations during this time, that the Trustees agreed to provide free Membership to all our existing members during 2021.

Thanks to the excellent vaccination programme, normal life is very slowly starting to recover. We are hoping for a cautious return to Grapevine outings over the summer of 2021, and are optimistic that Club Grapevine and the Dance Group will be able to resume in Autumn 2021. I'm keeping my fingers firmly crossed that we'll be able to meet in person again very soon. In the meantime, take care and keep safe.

Jackie Holland
Chair and Charity Manager



President's Report



This past year has been one of concern following the Covid pandemic, with the usual activities

of our members being strictly limited.

I know many of you are really looking forward to the restart of Grapevine events, now the Government has given a very broad hint that by the end of June, most previous activities can once again resume. You have all been very patient and I hope that you have kept reasonably occupied during this trying period.

As we enter another year of activities, we must all still be very careful to follow the rules which have been set by our health authorities to ensure we enjoy ourselves but, the same time do not endanger other people by taking risks and ensuring we keep our distance from each other when required.

I personally hope that when Grapevine outings and other activities commence, I will be able to join with you at some of these events. I know our Charity Manager Jackie and our Committee are looking forward to meeting with you once again.

Very Best Wishes,

Peter A.T. Turrall MBE
President

“I think you are doing a great job with lots of variety and I am happy with everything I do, thank you!” Anna Morgan



Club Grapevine



Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm, term time only
Columbus College, Partridge Avenue, Chelmsford CMI 4JG
Contact: Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868

I would like to show my appreciation to the Club Grapevine volunteers for their support and help in this last very strange year. I would especially like to thank Mary for sorting out the art and craft zoom sessions and for taking on the job as bingo caller. I would also like to thank Jackie for organising and setting up all the zoom sessions over the last year, we couldn't have done it without her. The members that are able to join in have really enjoyed the activities.

Club Grapevine continues to carry on growing with a few new members each year but unfortunately, we haven't been able to go bowling for a while; we hope we can get back there soon. Thanks to DJ JoJo, Jan and Denis for providing virtual disco and karaoke sessions on zoom. We're looking forward getting back to Club at Columbus very soon.

In memory of Colin Gooday who was Grapevine's treasurer and a very big part of Club Grapevine, we introduced the Colin Gooday Kindness Award to be presented to the most deserving nominee of the year. In 2020, the award was presented to Lianne Nice by Colin's wife June Gooday for the kind and thoughtful way she treats others.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to June who was a regular volunteer at Club Grapevine on a Tuesday evening. She has moved to live next door to her daughter in Bury St Edmunds. Good luck June, I'm sure you will get settled in very quickly but we will all miss you.

Club Grapevine is currently recruiting for more volunteers - if you can spare two hours once a week /or once a fortnight to take on this very rewarding role, please contact me for more information.



Vanessa Hellier, Club Grapevine Manager

"Thank you so much for nominating me for the Colin Gooday Kindness Award. I didn't expect to get it, thank you." Lianne Nice

Dance Group

Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, term time only

The Boswells School, Burnham Road, Chelmsford CMI 6LY

Contact: Vanessa Hellier - Vanessa@grapevinessex.org.uk / 07976 578868



So, yet another year has come to an end! I would like to give a big thank you to Steven for teaching the zoom classes and coming up with dances for the members to follow.



This year, The Katie Whalley Dance Achievement Award was presented to Alice Leigh for the joy she gives

to other members at the dance classes. Well done, Alice!

About a year ago I got the privilege of starting the Grapevine virtual dance class. Although I am yet to meet many of the dancers in person it has been a privilege to dance with them and get to know them.

Over the sessions I have taught four warm up dances that we use regularly as well as completing three and working on a fourth dance to popular music tracks.

It has been great to see the dancers expand their movement vocabulary as all of us have had to adjust to dancing on zoom.



Vanessa Hellier Dance Group Manager

Steven 'Springy' Turner, Zoom Dance Teacher

"I really enjoy the dancing with Steven"
Sarah Kemp

Performance Overview

Grapevine Essex provides educational and recreational activities for adults with learning disabilities living in Essex. Our priority is to support our members' well-being by increasing their confidence, so they feel valued and able to contribute meaningfully to society and live more fulfilled lives.

During 'normal' times, Grapevine offers a rich and varied programme of life-enhancing, supported outings and activities.

Over the last year, the world has been a very different place, and our members have had to stay at home. Grapevine responded to this by providing free online activities 2-3 times a week. These have included quizzes, art and craft, baking, bingo, storytelling, virtual tours, musical nights and karaoke. 15-20 members join most of the sessions but regrettably, it

hasn't been possible to reach everyone via the virtual platform.

We have also supported our most vulnerable members, particularly at the start of the pandemic, by helping with shopping and hospital appointments, phoning for regular chats and arranging extra assistance where needed.

Many of those that have engaged in the online activities have found it a lifeline in providing structure and a way of connecting with others.

A survey on the popularity of some of the virtual events received the following responses:

	Very Enjoyable/ Enjoyable
Baking	94%
Virtual Tours	88%
Bingo	89%
Art and Craft	90%
Quizzes	89%
Dance	86%



Fundraising

Fundraising during the pandemic proved to be a challenge, with usual events like the Barn Dance and the Quiz Night having to be cancelled.

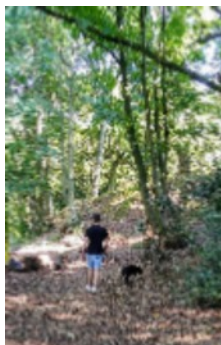
However, just before lock-down, we were pleased to receive £130 from pupils at Gable Hall School in Stanford-le-Hope who held a Cake Sale on our behalf.



Paula Shrimpton (member Paul Wisbey's sister) volunteered to take part in the London Marathon and had already started fundraising before the event was unfortunately cancelled. She successfully raised £85 for Grapevine.



Basildon, Billericay and Wickford CVS (BBWCVS) came up trumps by making the annual Fun Walk a virtual event that took place throughout September, with participants walking from home and around their local area. We were delighted to raise £1153 in sponsorship and from Bonus Pot contributors.



Another sponsored event we were able to hold was initiated by our Treasurer Monika Kelly. She bravely cycled 100 miles from her home in Southminster to Cambridge and back, raising an amazing £675.



With grateful thanks to all our fundraisers and sponsors - you are all fantastic!

If you would like to fundraise for us, please get in touch. Grapevine Essex is registered with the Fundraising Regulator.

What People Say...



Thank you Jackie and Vanessa for all the zoom events. I particularly enjoyed the quizzes, the film night, music nights, bingo and the dancing. Thanks for

keeping us all entertained during lockdown.

Andrew Brooks

Emily would like you to know how very grateful she is for her weekly Grapevine sessions. It can't be underestimated how valuable these online meet ups have been since her daily life has become so changed and restricted from last March. Having enjoyable times each week to look forward to with staff and members - her friends - has provided welcome and needed structure to her week and a sense of routine which is so important to her. It has been lovely to hear in the background the happy voices of everyone, while Emily has been having fun and I've been busy catching up with housework. She has especially enjoyed some of the virtual tours such as the Harry Potter Studios

and most of all has loved the Dance with Springy Steve - huge highlight! Thank you to all involved with keeping Grapevine running - this has been something really good in challenging times. Also, just to add - we very much hope these fantastic online sessions continue.

Julia Knowles (Emily's mum)

The hard work behind the scenes to keep the charity on track is always a challenge but we are very grateful to have been awarded several grants over the last year including from the National Lottery and Essex Community Foundation emergency funds. Family and friends continue to be very supportive too and we are so grateful for their on-going support. All the donations will help towards our future plans while also funding the online activities.

We are all missing each other at Grapevine but after a very tough time for everyone, it really won't be long until we can get together again.

Jane Crossman, Trustee



This year has been a difficult one, full of its ups and downs. However, Grapevine has always been there for its members and has certainly brightened up Ellen's days with the online zoom activities. She has enjoyed in particular the virtual tours, the quizzes, bingo and the art and craft sessions. Ellen does like to have some sort of routine, so the regular Tuesday and Friday sessions worked very well for her. Thank you Jackie for putting this all together.

Mary Schultz (Ellen's Mum)

What is zoom? What is Lockdown? What about Grapevine? We have bingo, cooking, quizzes and chats, storytelling, mystery tours and more than that. Jackie, Mary, Vanessa are here on line to help us through this boring time until we meet up again. We all have fun and chat on Tuesday and Friday... waiting to get through... put yourself on mute and don't forget to undo.

Clare Nice (Lianne's mum)

What a year! If someone had told me I would be doing art and craft sessions on zoom for the duration, I would have thought how on earth can I do that. Where there is a will there is a way, so

with lots of thought and planning to choose the right sorts of activities for our members, I tried to cater for the majority who would have the basic art materials at home. I have enjoyed the mixture of arty creations which evolved, my favourites been the rock painting, painting Starry Night, collages with leaves and flowers, the Picasso head in a pot and zany coasters and placemats made by weaving card.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped our members to achieve some truly fantastic artwork.

I also took on the bingo sessions which were very amusing with Steven relating every number to a bus (and he knew their routes!); the machine deciding to flash every so often and my variations on a game of bingo. Hope you all enjoyed it.

Really looking forward to getting back to our normal routine as I know everyone else is but I will miss June Gooday who helped out at Columbus and is a very dear friend to all. We hope she is enjoying her new life in Suffolk.

Mary Schultz (Trustee)

Grapevine Essex has been running since 2012 and it's a lovely team. The





staff are wonderful and I can't wait to go back to normality when we all can go out and meet each other again.

Thank you so much to Jackie Holland for putting on zoom for everyone, it was so good of her and it's been the best thing ever for lockdown

and for connecting to other people.

A big thank you to Mary for doing the art and craft, it was so interesting and very kind of her to do it. The blue badge tours were very nice and interesting; with the different places we went to. The bingo is very nice and the quiz is very good for your brain and your knowledge. Thank you to Jackie and Charlie for helping us do the cooking, it's very good of them and it's very helpful for us to cook; and the gardening one was very nice too and it's very easy to do. Thanks to Becky for the drama class, it was so interesting and was my first go at drama. The Skittleman was so funny and it's very

nice to see him. Thanks for putting on the storytelling, and the Harry Potter tour was very good.

A big thank you to June Goodday for all your hard work at Grapevine Essex; you have done a really good job. We are all going to miss you so much and I can't wait to see you again. Thank you so much to the wonderful staff for putting up with me - we all have our bad days, thanks.

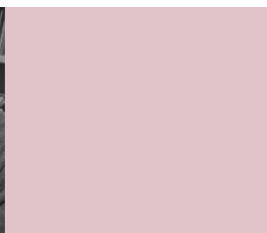
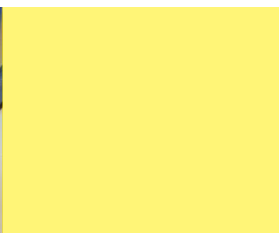
Lianne Nice

Everything you do has been really excellent.

You have all worked so hard and are doing a tremendous job! A big thank you!! We so value all you do

and will continue to tune in whenever we can! THESE SESSIONS ARE FABULOUS! A big thank you. All the best to everyone.

Margot Routledge (Chris' Mum)



With special thanks to all our benefactors



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"Big thank you – these events and the sense of connection they give are so important and have been really helping with caring for mental well-being" Julia Knowles (Emily's Mum)

Treasurer's Report



Charities with an annual income of less than £1million are not required to have their accounts audited but an Independent Examiner

must inspect them. Mr Robert Andrews is registered with the Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) and has inspected the 2020 Annual Accounts. A report on his findings is provided.

Grapevine does not receive any government funding; our income is made up from fundraising, grants, donations and members' fees.

The principal on-going risk to the future of the charity is a reduction in the income required to pay the staff that manage the charity and organise the events which are enjoyed by the majority of our members.

Reserves Policy: Grapevine Essex plans to retain a minimum of £5,000 as free reserves each year, representing the average expenditure for one series of events.

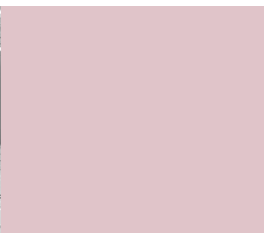
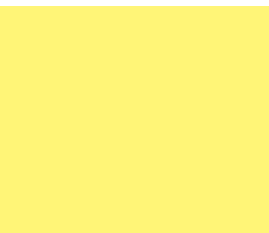
At the end of 2020, Grapevine Essex is in a sound financial position. There is a bank balance of £25,971 and cash-in-hand of £90.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, some of the funding Grapevine has received has been carried over to 2021 ready to re-start our activities when social distancing measures are relaxed.

We were delighted to receive £18,804 in donations from various sources; these are listed as our Beneficiaries on page 16. Gift Aid of £766 was recovered on donations for the 2019-20 period.

Most of our regular fundraising activities had to be cancelled but the events that we were able to hold, raised £2371. We are very pleased that these events continue to be well supported in the local community.

Monika Kelly, Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

I report on the accounts of Grapevine Essex charity no 1151261, which are set out on page 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

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

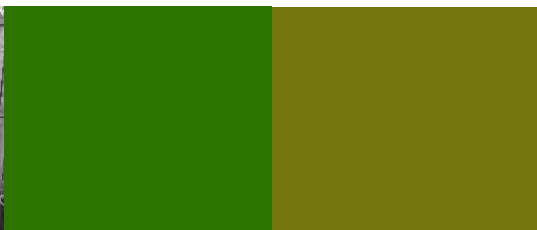
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Robert Andrews MA, ACIB, FCIIE
3 Swards End, Wickford, SS12 9PB
13 May 2021

Relevant Professional Qualification:

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners



Accounts for the Year 2020

Grapevine Essex Registered charity no: 1151261

Receipts & Payments

	2020	2019
Receipts	£	£
Income from members		
Membership fees	1,400	1,450
Activities		
Grapevine Dancers fees	1,715	6,362
Club Grapevine fees	3,746	11,693
Outings & events	11,798	39,061
Transport contributions	93	963
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	2,371	4,791
Sale of merchandise	25	533
Grants & donations	18,804	7,584
Gift Aid recovered on donations	766	1,453
Total receipts	40,718	73,888

Payments

Activities		
Grapevine Dancers expenditure	1,393	3,248
Club Grapevine operating costs	2,353	7,578
Club refunds	40	-
Outings & events	6,776	34,260
Outings & events refunds	5,855	
Transport	1,205	7,653
Fundraising		
Fundraising events	-	995
Cost of merchandise	44	512
Staff and volunteers		
Salaries	9,558	16,984
Training	184	1,097
Expenses reimbursed	49	489
Sundry staff & volunteer costs	-	39
Administration		
Stationery, website, postage, printing	1,024	1,207
Insurance	743	730
Equipment & supplies	100	1,600
Subscriptions	-	29
Sundry expenditure	26	163
Total payments	29,351	76,585
Surplus (deficit) for the year	11,367	(2,696)
Cash balances 1 January 2020	14,374	17,070
Cash balances 31 December 2020	25,740	14,374

Statement of assets and liabilities

Bank account	25,971	12,017
Petty cash	-	257
Club Grapevine petty cash	40	40
Grapevine Dance Group petty cash	50	50
Money owed to Grapevine Essex	20	2,596
Money owed by Grapevine Essex	(341)	(586)
	25,740	14,374

Grapevine Word Search

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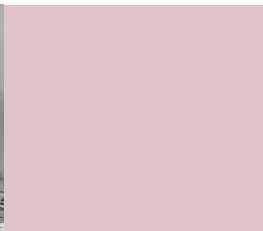
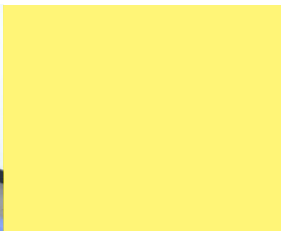
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Membership Application 2021

Your details

Membership is available to anyone with a learning disability and aged 18 or over

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Date of Birth	
Tel No	
Mobile No	
Email Address	
Brief description of disability	
Where did you hear about us?	

Membership Fee

Annual Membership Fee: £10

(please make cheques/postal orders payable to Grapevine Essex. Please ask for bank transfer details)

Members receive a subscription to the Grapevine Essex Update and the Easter, Summer, and Christmas programmes with the opportunity to participate in over 30 specially organised and supported recreational and educational events per year at subsidised prices.

Members are entitled to participate in the weekly term time groups:

*Grapevine Essex Dance Team** (Monday evenings at The Boswells School) and

*Club Grapevine** (Tuesday evenings at Columbus College).

* Weekly subscription fees apply

Please return this form with your payment to:

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Your details

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss)	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Tel No / Mobile No	
Email Address	

Friends of Grapevine Essex Contribution (please specify chosen amount)

£10 ☐ £15 ☐ £20 ☐ Other amount £ _____

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

Today ☐ in the past 4 years ☐ in the future ☐

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or CASCs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

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Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations

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Donor's details

Title ----- First name or initial(s) -----

Surname -----

Full home address -----

Postcode -----

Date -----

Signature -----

Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



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