

EMPATHY FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

England & Wales · Charity number 1151472

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-04-02

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE 2. THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING WITH A HIGH FUNCTIONING DISABILITY/ADDITIONAL NEEDS, PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TRIAD OF IMPAIRMENT OF AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY OR PARTS OF SOCIETY BY: A. PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE CHILDREN / YOUNG PEOPLE TO IMPROVE AND PRACTICE THEIR SOCIAL INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND ESTABLISH A PEER GROUP, B. PROVIDING AGE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO TRY NEW ACTIVITIES AND INTEGRATE WITH LOCAL MAINSTREAM PROVIDERS IN SUPPORTED, SAFE, AND UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENT, C. RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HIGH FUNCTIONING DISABILITIES WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, BOTH GENERALLY AND IN RELATION TO THEIR SOCIAL EXCLUSION, D. TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER BY PROVIDING A FORUM FOR FAMILIES TO MEET AND INTRODUCTION TO SUPPORT SERVICES AND INFORMATION.

Activities: Empathy for special children works to reduce the social isolation and improve the lives of those growing up with ASD/High Functioning Disability/Additional Needs and their families. Working throughout Shropshire we provide a wide range of safe, supported opportunities to allow children and families to create an empathic social network, try something new, re engage with society and be more active.

Classification

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

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£72,026	£83,684	-	-
2024-06-30	£69,368	£59,193	-	-
2023-06-30	£71,075	£84,748	-	-
2022-06-30	£77,501	£78,321	-	-
2021-06-30	£91,489	£86,633	-	-
2020-04-30	£70,503	£55,974	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cherida Marie Hughes	Chair	2019-07-05
Amie Watson		2025-09-29
Tim Loft		2025-09-26

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Empathy for special children Trustees' Annual Report



For the period: 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

1. Reference and Administration Details

- **Charity Name:** Empathy for Special Children
- **Charity Registration Number:** 1151472
- **Principal Address:** Corvedale Road, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9ND
- **Trustees:** * Cherida Marie Hughes (Chair)
 - Kirsty Perkins
 - Katie King
 - Becky Dhieb

2. Structure, Governance, and Management

- **Type of Governing Document:** Constitution (registered 02 April 2013).
- **How the Charity is Constituted:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- **Trustee Selection Methods:** Trustees are appointed by the existing board based on their skills and commitment to the charity's mission. New trustees undergo an induction process covering legal responsibilities and the charity's internal policies.
- **Risk Management:** The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

3. Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to:

1. **Relieving the needs** of people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD).
2. **Promoting social inclusion** for children, young people, and their families living with High Functioning Disabilities or additional needs.

Summary of Activities (2024-2025): During this period, the charity focused on reducing social isolation in Shropshire by providing:

- Safe, supported opportunities for children to practice social interaction.
- Age-appropriate recreation and new experiences in an understanding environment.
- A forum for families to meet, share peer support, and access information.

Public Benefit: The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All activities are designed to ensure that children with additional needs and their families are not excluded from society due to their disabilities.

4. Achievements and Performance

- **Service Delivery:** 102 children / YP's from 45 families were supported through our weekly/monthly sessions.
 - **Community Impact:** We successfully hosted Connect sessions in Shrewsbury, Rushbury and Oswestry, a range of Out and About family days out during the holidays and attended local fun and community days to promote our work which allowed our members to engage with the wider community safely. Renovation work continues on the new hub, to get this facility open and up and running has been a focus for the board. The opening date is set as 2nd August 2025.
 - **Volunteer Contribution:** Our work continues to be powered by dedicated volunteers, particularly the DIY/ building work within the hub. 15 individuals have worked tirelessly to support us and whose time is invaluable to our operational success.
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5. Financial Review

- **Overview:** The charity's income for the year remained stable, primarily derived from grants and community fundraising.
 - **Reserves Policy:** It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level that covers at least 3 months of core operating costs. This provides a buffer to ensure service continuity. This proves to be an ongoing challenge for the board.
 - **Principal Funding Sources:** Community Foundation Shropshire – the building works, Shropshire Council via Spacehive match funding, community fundraisers and local businesses via sponsorship.
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6. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: __



Full Name: Cherida Hughes **Position:** Chair **Date:** 31/07/ 25

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Financial Year 2024-25

Expenditure 2024-25

	Actual 2024-25	Actual 2024-25
Employees		
Management/Playleader Costs	8,089.93	
Payroll Costs	1,220.15	
Health Plan	1,627.81	
Human Resources	2,339.64	
		13,277.53
Administration Costs		
Administrative Costs	1,796.09	
Insurance	1,298.76	
Hire of halls	247.50	
Premise - Rent	8,125.00	
Premises Utilities	2,821.84	
		14,289.19
Activity Costs		
Family Group Activities/Trips	4,085.66	
		4,085.66
Miscellaneous		
Refunds of Income	109.76	
		109.76
Capital Works		
Building Costs	45,462.54	
Management/Playleader Costs	6,460.00	51,922.54
Total Expenditure		<u>83,684.68</u>

Income

Parents Contributions	1,351.72	
Donations/Sponsorship	6,613.00	
Fund Raising	4,879.99	
Community Fund Grant AWA	19,280.00	
Matchfunding Scheme	11,464.03	
Other Income	699.66	
Capital Grant - Restricted Funding	27,738.00	
Total Income		<u>72,026.40</u>

Balance Sheet as at the 1st July 2025

Bank Current Account	11,702.73	
Saving account	4,837.40	
Total Assets 1st July 2025		<u>16,540.13</u>

Funded By

Balances B/Fwd	28,195.41	
Less Loss	11,655.28	
Total Funding		<u>16,540.13</u>

I confirm that I have independently verified the income and expenditure financial records for the year 2024/25 and confirm the balances at the 1st July 2025 for the Accounts of the Charity Empathy for Special Children.
Accounts prepared on an Income and Expenditure Basis

C E Williams

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Trustees' Annual Report

June 2023 – June 2024



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CEO – sam@empathyforspecialchildren.org

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Charity Trustees



1. Chair – Cherida Hughes

2. Amie Smout
3. Katie King
4. Kirsty Perkins

Ex officiate board members

Sam Goddard – CEO

Eric Williams - Accounts and Finance

Structure, governance and management

Empathy is a Charitable Incorporated Company governed by articles of association, which can be found [here](#)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited in line with our safer recruitment policy and appointed both at the AGM by member vote or at any point during the year by exercising the organisation's ability to co-opt trustees.

Other organisations are not able to appoint trustees to the board

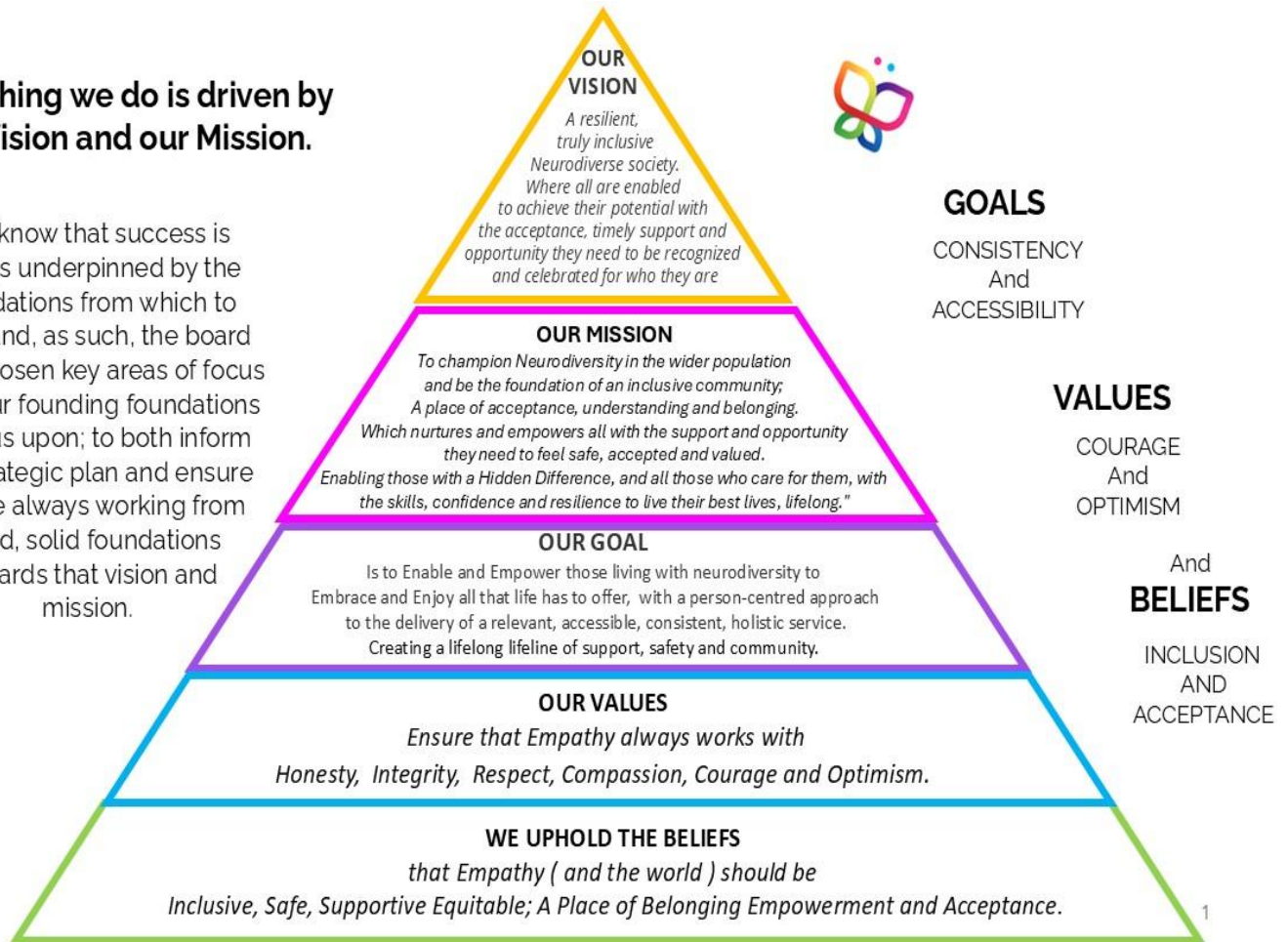


Objectives and activities

Our charitable objectives can be viewed, in full, in our articles of association, but the aim put simply has always been to improve the lives of all those living with the impact of Autism, Neurodiversity or any Hidden Disability by providing supported social opportunities to make friends, have fun, try something new and find a supportive community with which to share the journey.

Everything we do is driven by our Vision and our Mission.

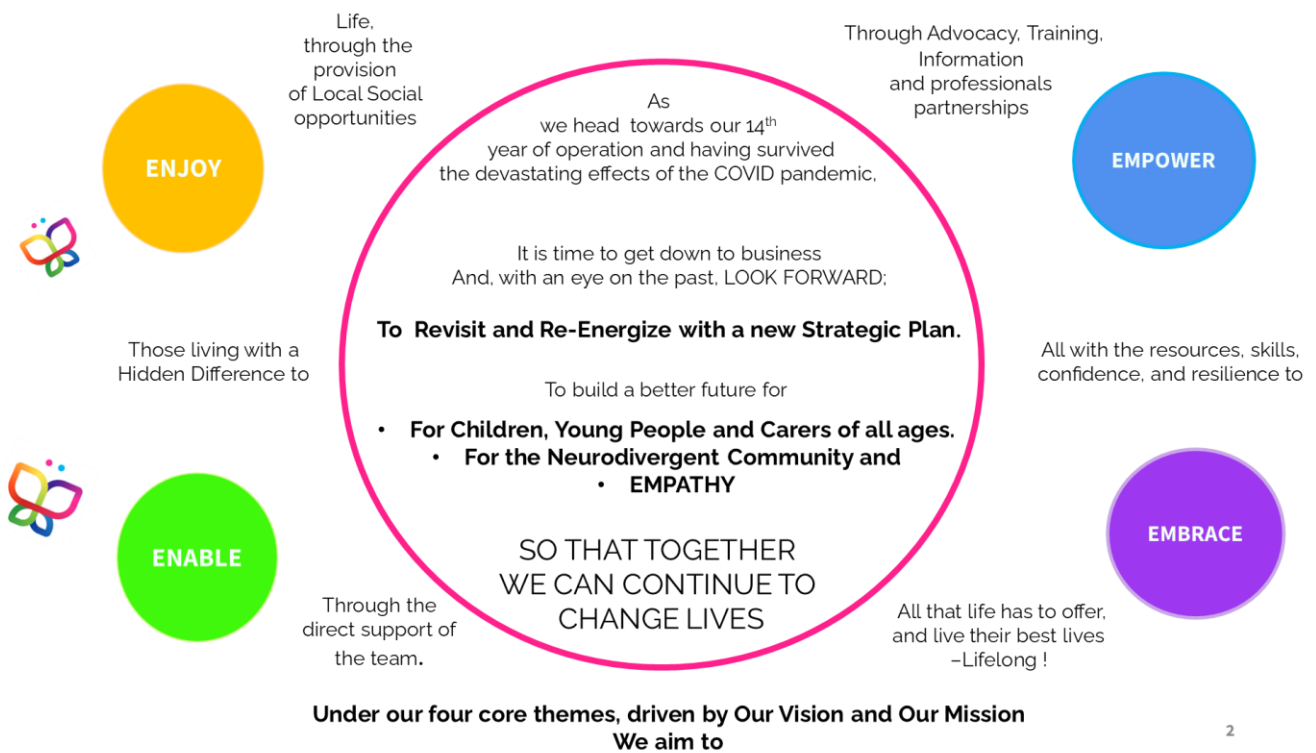
We know that success is always underpinned by the foundations from which to build and, as such, the board have chosen key areas of focus from our founding foundations to focus upon; to both inform the strategic plan and ensure we are always working from good, solid foundations towards that vision and mission.



To ensure that no-one ever feels alone on this journey and to ensure that living with, or caring for someone, with Autism or a Hidden Disability is not a barrier to every child having an equal opportunity at a fun and fulfilled childhood.

The Work

Driven by the Vision and Mission the board have revisited all we do and are now working to 4 core themes or outcomes for any project.



Currently, the work remains predominantly under the themes of Enjoy and Enable with Connect, Out and About, Unleashed and Sibs being the key projects delivered. The Enable team have been able to deliver some 1:1 work in the community, bringing support and respite to those families most urgently in need, and Empower has done some amazing voluntary work supporting parents to navigate the system and statutory services.

Going forward, the new inclusion hub will give the board and team the space to launch Embrace, increasing our reach to a wider age range and supporting those who fall through the gaps in statutory service. It is hoped that the Empower work can be expanded into a traded service, not only providing a vital, sustainable income for the charity but also bringing consistency for those in need of support



What We Have Achieved

Despite another challenging year financially, leading to the loss of the sibs sessions and a reduction in overall provision however we have still supported 83 families and 127 individual children and young people with

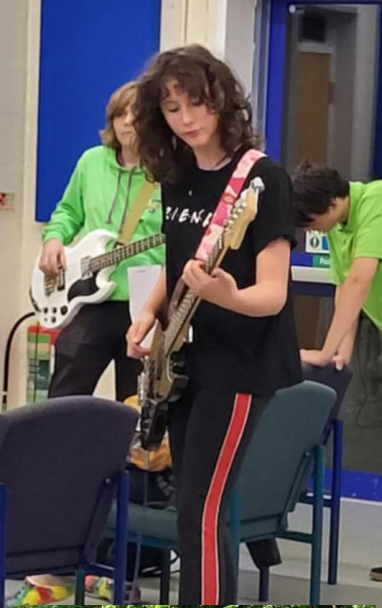
32 CONNECT sessions

10 Out and About sessions, including a 3 day camp out

26 Coffee breaks with Empower

8 Social sessions, a highlight of which was the partnership with Rock Music School, giving young people access to professional music tuition and the opportunity to play socially as a band.

Thus, we have once again consistently met our key outcomes for all, bringing a community within a community together to provide mutual support, to try something new, to make friends and to have fun; all of which improve not only lives but physical and mental health in the long term.



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Please see the accounts for the year below without any new large project grants the majority of the income has relied upon the outreach work, which in turn has contributed to an increase in staff costs.

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Financial Year 2023-24

Expenditure 2023-24

Employees	Actual 2023-24	Actual 2023-24
Management/Playleader Costs	22,109.33	
Outreach Staff Costs	17,125.52	
Payroll Costs	1,105.40	
Health Plan	914.11	
		41,255.36
Administration Costs		
Administrative Costs	7,342.03	
Insurance	960.87	
Hire of halls	2,322.25	
Premises Cost	3,174.22	
		13,799.37
Activity Costs		
Family Group Activities	3,725.16	
		3,725.16
Miscellaneous		
Refunds of Income	413.46	
		413.46
Total Expenditure		<u>59,193.35</u>

Funded by

Parents Contributions	5,795.72	
Outreach Charges	25,440.50	
Donations/Sponsorship	3,460.46	
Fund Raising	5,879.76	
Other Income	1,054.00	41,630.44
Total Income		<u>41,630.44</u>
Capital Grant - Restricted Funding	27,738.00	
		27,738.00
		<u>27,738.00</u>

Balance Sheet as at the 1st July 2024

Bank Current Account	1,845.15	
Saving account	26,350.28	
Total Assets		<u>28,195.43</u>

Funded By

Balances B/Fwd	18,020.34	
Less Loss	17,562.91	
add Capital Grant	27,738.00	
Total Funding		<u>28,195.43</u>

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Please note that the Capital Grant of £27,738 is restricted for the Capital improvement work of the leased building. There are concerns about the low general fund balance of £457.43

C E Williams

07/04/2024

The Future is True Inclusion !

Recognising the need for change and advancement, the board has worked hard over the last six months to create a new seven-year strategic plan to take Empathy to its 20th birthday as an organisation fit for purpose and one that can do more, for more, well, and with longevity.



7 year goals



And the hard work begins !

Inclusion Hub – Craven Arms – Opening Autumn 24 !



Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Sam Goddard

Designation

CEO

Date

10/07/24

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Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23

Expenditure 2022-23

	Actual 2022-23	Actual 2022-23
Employees		
Management/Playleader Costs	39,815.87	
Payroll Costs	1,027.20	
Health Plan	1,021.91	
		41,864.98
Administration Costs		
Administrative Costs	6,520.63	
Insurance	1,508.91	
Hire of halls	5,421.20	
		13,450.74
Activity Costs		
Out and about activities	7,823.02	
Outreach	16,382.24	
Family Group Activities	5,120.90	
		29,326.16
Miscellaneous		
Refunds of Income	106.58	
		106.58
Total Expenditure		<u>84,748.46</u>

Funded by

Children In Need Grant	40,127.00	
Parents Contributions	7,166.87	
Outreach Charges	18,545.15	
Doanations	725.00	
Fund Raising	3,429.15	
Other Income	1,082.01	71,075.18
Total Income		<u>71,075.18</u>

Balance Sheet as at the 30th June 2023

Bank Current Account	9,669.82	
Saving account	8,350.04	
Soldo	0.48	
Total Assets		<u>18,020.34</u>

Funded By

Balances B/Fwd	31,693.52	
Less Loss	13,673.18	
Total Funding		<u>18,020.34</u>

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**Independent Examiners Report
to The Trustees of Empathy – for special children**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 that are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The gross income of the trust is such that the accounts can be subject to independent examination and need not be subject to audit.

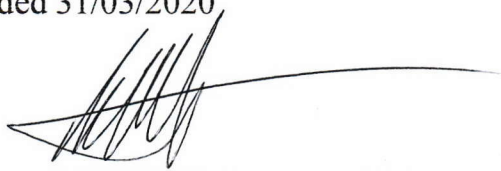
It is the responsibility of the independent examiner to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit , and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners' statement.

In my opinion the accounts present a true and accurate record for the year ended 31/03/2020.



Date 24/05/20

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Empathy for Special Children
balance sheet as at 31/03/20

		31/03/2020	31/03/2020	31/03/2020
current account			£	19,088.81
blu fest account			£	7,421.21
petty cash			£	-
in transit	eql	£	500.00	
	masons	£	500.00	£ 1,000.00

total assets **£ 27,510.02**

**funded by
earmarked funds
short breaks**

bfwd	£	203.87		
prev yr adj	£	-		
b fwd			£	203.87
surplus/deficit			-£	96.01
c fwd				£ 107.86

children in need

bfwd	£	9,666.53		
prev yr adj	-£	2,236.83		
b fwd			£	7,429.70
surplus . Deficit			£	7,725.93
				£ 15,155.63

unleashed

bfwd	£	1,833.05		
prev yr adj	-£	1,833.05		
bfwd			£	-
surplus / deficit				£ -

blu fest

bfwd	£	-		
prev yr adj	£	-		
surplus deficit			£	7,421.21
				£ 7,421.21

total earmarked funds **£ 22,684.70**

nestle ball

bfwd	£	-		
prev yr adj	£	-		
bfwd			£	-
surplus / deficit			£	163.88
cfwd				£ 163.88

general fund

bfwd	£	1,250.83		
prev yr adj	£	4,069.88		
bfwd			£	5,320.71
family grp surp/def			-£	7,062.15
other surp /def			£	6,402.88
				£ 4,661.44

Total Funding **£ 27,510.02**

Empathy for Special Children
accounts for the year ending 31/03/20

	expenditure	expenditure	income	income	surplus/ deficit
short breaks					
income					
			£ 4,619.42		
			£ 14,400.29		
				£ 19,019.71	
expenditure					
	£ 9,364.72				
	£ 6,009.00				
	£ 2,082.00				
	£ 1,660.00				
		£ 19,115.72			
surplus / deficit					-£ 96.01
children in need					
income					
			£ 30,470.40		
				£ 30,470.40	
expenditure					
	£ 15,459.72				
	£ 1,773.25				
	£ 454.50				
	£ 2,082.00				
	£ 312.00				
	£ 400.00				
	£ 328.00				
	£ 440.00				
	£ 1,495.00				
		£ 22,744.47			
surplus / deficit					£ 7,725.93
family groups					
income					
			£ 3,054.36		
				£ 3,054.36	
expenditure					
	£ 1,374.90				
	£ 1,480.00				
	£ 3,904.50				
	£ 1,810.00				
	£ 1,547.11				
		£ 10,116.51			
surplus / deficit					-£ 7,062.15
Nestle Ball					
income					
			£ 313.88		
				313.88	
expenditure					
	£ 150.00				
		£ 150.00			
surplus / deficit					£ 163.88
other					
income					
			£ 110.00		
			£ 206.19		
			£ 462.00		
			£ 1,480.10		
			£ 387.37		
			£ 115.55		
			£ 26.76		
			£ 167.05		
			£ 48.73		
			£ 328.14		
			£ 183.17		
			£ 190.00		
			£ 300.00		
			£ 3,411.98		
			£ 644.00		
			£ 500.00		
			£ 500.00		
			£ 973.00		
				£ 10,034.04	
expenditure					
	£ 2,076.00				
	£ 523.00				
	£ 300.00				
	£ 122.40				
	£ 609.76				
		£ 3,631.16			
surplus / deficit					£ 6,402.88
blu fest					
income					
			£ 7,500.00		
			£ 9.35		
			£ 101.86		
				£ 7,611.21	
expenditure					
	£ 190.00				
		£ 190.00			
surplus / deficit					£ 7,421.21
total for year			£ 55,947.86	£ 70,503.60	£ 14,555.74

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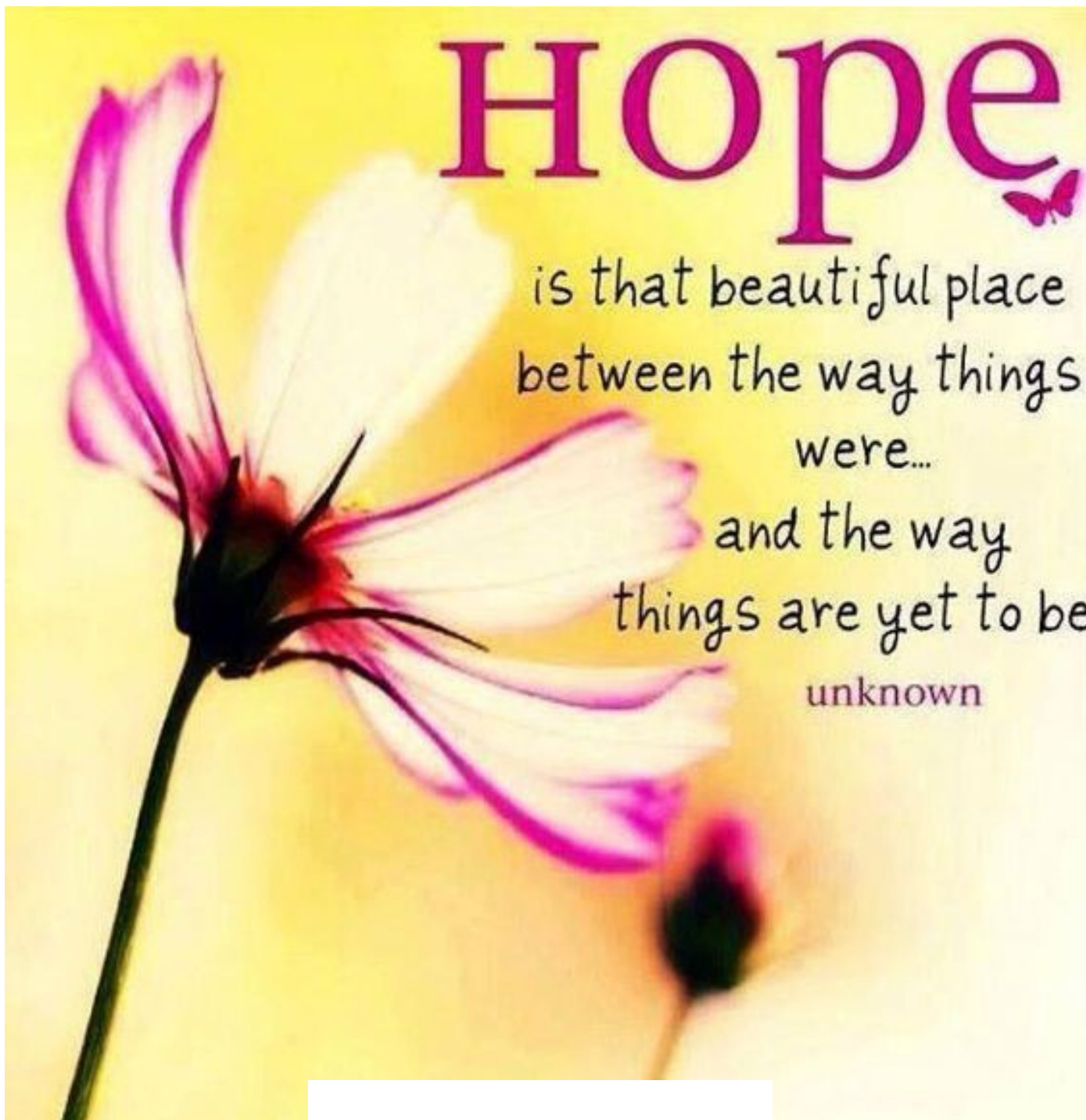
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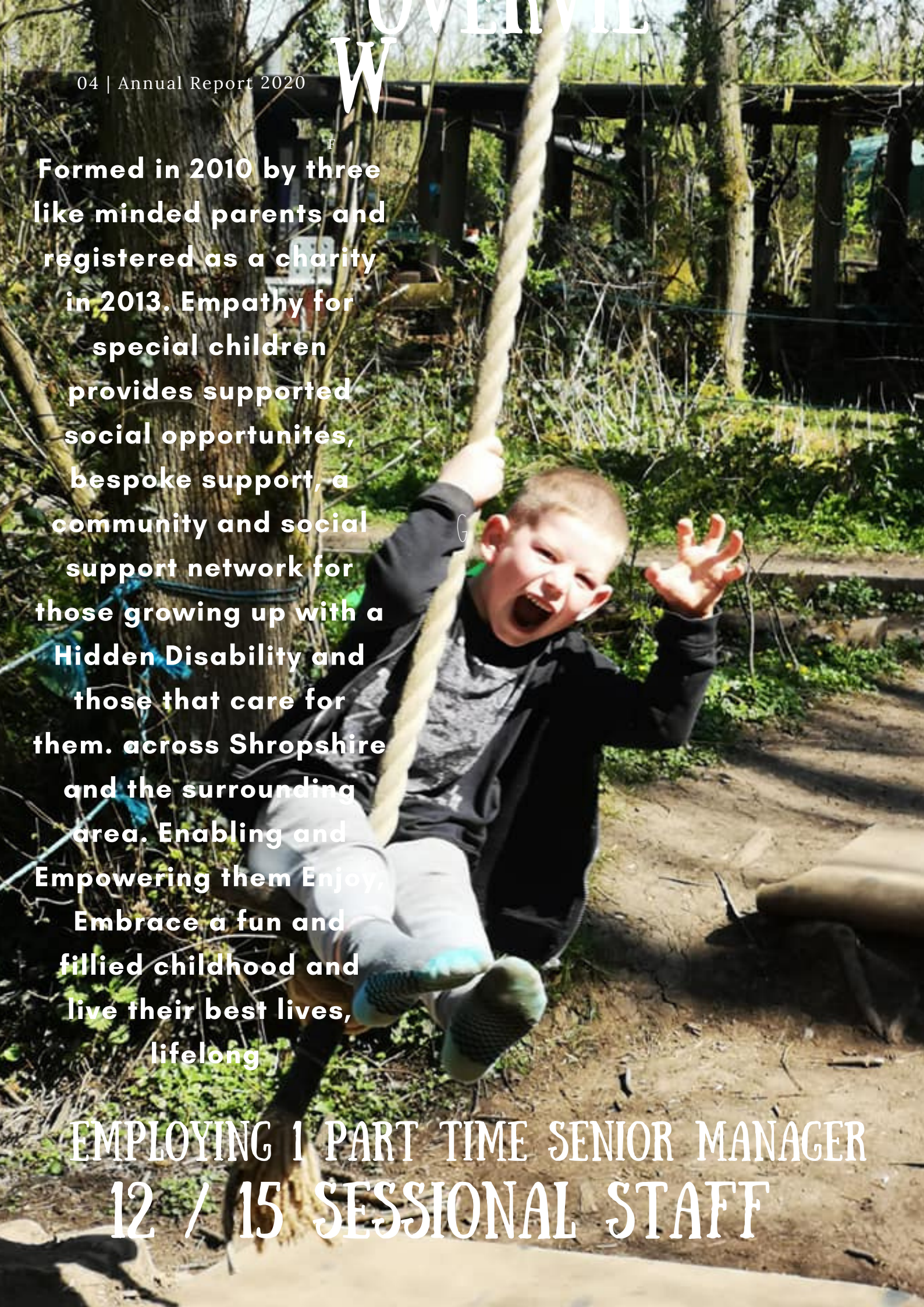
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Formed in 2010 by three like minded parents and registered as a charity in 2013. Empathy for special children provides supported social opportunities, bespoke support, a community and social support network for those growing up with a Hidden Disability and those that care for them. across Shropshire and the surrounding area. Enabling and Empowering them Enjoy Embrace a fun and filled childhood and live their best lives, lifelong

**EMPLOYING 1 PART TIME SENIOR MANAGER
12 / 15 SESSIONAL STAFF**





THE VISION

A resilient, truly inclusive Neuro-diverse society. Where all are enabled to achieve their potential with the acceptance, timely support and opportunity they need to be recognized and celebrated for who they are.

THE MISSION

To champion Neurodiversity in the wider population and be the foundation of an inclusive community; A family that nurtures and empowers all with the support and opportunity they need to feel safe, accepted and valued. Enabling those with a Hidden Difference, and all those that care for them, with the skills, confidence and resilience live their best lives, lifelong.



BOARD REVIEW

It is hard to believe a year has gone by since the last annual review. So much has changed, so much has happened.

This year has been incredibly difficult for many families and Empathy has gone above and beyond to support many families to the best of their ability under extreme circumstances

As a charity have risen to the challenge of an ever-changing year of COVID restrictions and planning the reopening of face-to-face programs in a COVID safe way.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sam and the team for all they have done over the last 12 months. You are all amazing, we are forever grateful.

I am incredibly proud of all that the Empathy team has achieved and support we have maintained to some of the most vulnerable in our society, in exceptional circumstances, over the last year.

As we look forward with hope, that the worse days of the pandemic are behind us, we must now face the mountain we must climb to rebuild. In March 2020, the relatively new board had a clear plan, the pandemic put that on hold for what has now been 15 months and we are emerging into a world with both the same and different problems. The decision to move the accounting year; to align more readily with our major funding streams, has given the board a little space to catch its breath and take stock but as we begin the last year of our CIN funding, we must now begin to thrive not survive once more.

Over the last 15 months, Empathy has proved it worth. We have proved that a tiny organisation with limited resource can make a big impact directly to those that need it most, when they need it, in a way that is meaningful to them.

As we step out into this new but still uncertain world, Empathy is needed more now than ever before and we, the board, are committed to following the team's lead and doing whatever it takes to ensure Empathy not only survives but thrives.

CHERIDA HUGHES

Chair of Trustees



CEO REVIEW

It has actually been 15 months since I last sat down to write for the annual review. At the time of last writing, (March 2020) we had no idea what we were about to face; Globally, as Nation, a Community, as Team, as an Organisation.

The photo below was taken on March 7th 2020 at what, we then didn't know, would be the last group face to face session until 5th July 2020. Four months is a long time in child's life, particularly when you are already isolated and the world is already a confusing and scary place.

There was never any question that we should close. The team were resolute from day one that we must find a way and we did, not once but twice. So much will stay with me forever; the helplessness, the need, the desire to more, the challenges of reaching the unreachable but also the dedication, commitment and resilience of such a young team who day after day, week after week never gave up. The bravery and tenacity of the children, young people and families and the unwavering support of the board, our funders and supporters in allowing and enabling us to do what needed to be done.

Thank You will never be enough.

Opening up has not been without it's challenges but we must look forward and look forward with hope and positivity. Hope that never again will we have to dig so deep, for so long and the positivity to allow us to acknowledge that the road ahead is still rocky and steep and that once again we must once again find a way. As we hurtle towards our 12th birthday in Oct 2022 I have asked many times myself can we really make it this time ? but Empathy has never let a little thing like a mountain stand in its way, because the view from the top is always worth the climb.

The board and I are committed to not only applying the lessons we have learned over the past 15 months and looking outward to ensure what we think is needed, still is in this new normal but also looking inwards to ensure we are equipped to rise to this next challenge to ensure that Empathy can continue to change lives in the long term.

SAM GODDARD

CEO and Founding Member



OUR

PERFORMANCE

2020 / 2021

MORE THAN 300
ONLINE SESSION
DELIVERING OVER 700
HRS OF SUPPORT

**189 AT HOME
PACKS
TO
96 INDIVIDUAL
CHILDREN/
YOUNG
PEOPLE**

Provided 8
families with
1:1
emergency
support or
respite

61 COVID SECURE
GROUP
AND
FAMILY SESSIONS

HOSTED AN
AMAZING
ONLINE
FESTIVAL
RAISING
£1800





NOTHING MEASURE THE
IMPACT OF WHAT WE DO
BETER THAN THE SMILES
ON FACES
FOLLOW THE LINK TO VIEW HOME
BUT NEVER ALONE

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Avw4MS-6SjSmiLEemrndRRbUICuQHQ>





At Home But
Never Alone

Empathy does
Lockdown 2020

ACCOUNTS

01/04/20 - 30/06/21

empathy accounts for the period 01/04/20 to 30/06/21

Income and expenditure account

Income		
shropshire council short break grant		£ 14,400.00
parents contributions to short breaks		£ 2,167.09
children in need grant		£ 46,467.60
covid 19 grant		£ 9,390.00
community foundation grant		£ 3,620.00
sporting england grant		£ 3,825.00
membership fees		£ 5,071.00
donations		£ 2,894.06
outreach		£ 1,378.00
other income		£ 2,174.08
total income		£ 91,386.83

Expenditure		
employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mgmt costs £ 10,500.00 play leader short breaks £ 7,717.07 play leader/team c.l.n. £ 34,801.94 play leader outreach £ 1,403.00 training £ 2,876.68 	£ 57,298.69
administration costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> travel £ 1,986.00 insurance £ 1,408.14 tel/zoom/room hire etc £ 1,938.01 crb checks £ 381.60 independent examination £ 75.00 payroll processing £ 718.80 	£ 6,507.55
equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clothing £ 1,437.00 laptop/software £ 4,944.78 sports kit £ 500.00 	£ 6,881.78
activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hall hire £ 2,260.40 short breaks £ 8,068.26 children in need £ 5,282.60 	£ 15,611.26
miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> refunds £ 133.35 blue fest £ 200.00 	£ 333.35
Expenditure		£ 86,632.63
surplus for the period		£ 4,754.20

Blue fest account

income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> interest £ 2.58 facebook 100.64 	103.22
expenditure		0
surplus for the period		103.22

balance sheet as at 30th June 2021

Assets	
current account	£ 22,977.94
soldo	£ 1,955.96

total current assets £ 24,933.90

Funded by

b. Fwd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> children in need £ 14,378.72 short breaks £ 107.86 general fund £ 5,683.12 	£ 20,169.70
	previous year adjustment	£ 10.00
	add surplus for the year	£ 4,754.20

c. Fwd £ 24,933.90

breakdown of funds carried forward

children in need	£ 12,024.19
short breaks	£ 1,472.33
general fund	£ 11,437.38
total	£ 24,933.90

blue fest

savings account £ 7,525.64

funded by	
blue fest bfwd	£ 7,422.42
surplus	£ 103.22

£ 7,525.64

Independent Examiners Report to The Trustees of Empathy – for special children

I report on the accounts for the period ended 30th June 2021 that are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The gross income of the trust is such that the accounts can be subject to independent examination and need not be subject to audit.

It is the responsibility of the independent examiner to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners' statement.

In my opinion the accounts present a true and accurate record for the period ended 30th June 2021

Points to note

1. The Soldo credit card system is used for purchases which is much more convenient for the staff than the previous method of claiming back expenditure incurred, however, The credit card statements only show the payee, amount and balance on the card they do not show what has been bought.

Recommendation:-

The card users should obtain a receipt for goods/services purchased with the cards and send those receipts or a digital photo of those receipts to the treasurer so that purchases can be identified.

2. The total balances and income and expenditure have been verified , however the allocation of that income and expenditure to various funds is based upon the judgement of the charity and as such is not subject to verification.



Date 16th September 2021

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