

THE ARK CENTRE CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1163136

Details

Other names	THE ARK CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, WELFARE AND CARE OF CHILDREN WITH LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION AND AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER THROUGH THE PROVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF A THERAPY BASED EDUCATIONAL SETTING ALONGSIDE THE PROMOTION, ADVANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROVISION WITHIN THE UK.

Activities: The Ark Centre Charity seeks to highlight effective therapies in the enablement of pre school children with autism or social and communication difficulties access education in EssexIt also supports the provision of these therapies as well as providing training to parents

Classification

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

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-13	£18,370	£15,898	-	-
2024-08-13	£4,007	£2,350	-	-
2023-08-13	£745	£3,336	-	-
2022-08-13	£19	£11,547	-	-
2021-08-13	£271	£37,464	-	-
2020-08-13	£33,005	£1,804	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Luisa Holmes		2025-02-15
Emma Flaxman		2016-07-11
KEITH FLAXMAN FCCA,CPFA		2015-10-29
Niall Conlon		2025-01-16
SOPHIE CLARKE		2015-10-29

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Chair's Report for the Year Ended 13th August 2025

The Ark Centre Charity was established in 2015 by a parent of two children with autism, with the aim of providing early intervention support for children with autism and raising funds to assist local educational settings in enabling children with autism to access and thrive within their environments.

During the 2024–2025 period, The Ark Centre Charity successfully developed a partnership with the local solicitors' firm Gepp, who kindly agreed to undertake fundraising activities in support of the charity. Additional fundraising initiatives included a community fun day organised by a supporter at their local public house, alongside further contributions raised by local supporters through participation in fun runs and sporting events.

The charity also explored opportunities to engage local celebrities and influencers to help raise awareness and support its work. While a formal patron has not yet been secured, efforts to identify and recruit a suitable patron will continue in the coming year.

Throughout the year, The Ark Centre Charity continued to provide training, guidance, equipment and support to local pre-schools, assisting them in developing effective strategies to support children with autism and developmental delays within their settings.

Looking ahead, The Ark Centre Charity remains committed to supporting local educational and community settings to improve accessibility and inclusion for children with additional needs. The charity will also continue its fundraising efforts with the long-term objective of establishing an Early Intervention and Therapy Centre for children with autism, developmental delays, and other additional needs.

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2024 **Accounts for the year ended 13th August 2025**

£ £

Income

1,665.00	General Donations	15,862.64
<u>2,342.35</u>	Bank Interest	<u>2,507.85</u>
4,007.35		18,370.49

Expenditure

<u>2,350.35</u>	Donations	<u>15,898.40</u>
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<u><u>1,657.00</u></u>	<u>Surplus for the year</u>	<u><u>2,472.09</u></u>
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Balance Sheet as at 13th August 2025

Current Assets

<u>174,012.68</u>	Cash at Bank	190,014.82
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Current Liabilities

0	Payable within one year	13,530.05
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<u><u>174,012.68</u></u>		<u><u>176,484.77</u></u>
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Capital Account

172,355.68	Balance at 14th August 2024	174,012.68
<u>1,657.00</u>	Surplus for year	<u>2,472.09</u>

<u><u>174,012.68</u></u>		<u><u>176,484.77</u></u>
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Hon. Treasurer

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The Ark Centre Charity Annual Report August 2024

The Ark Centre Charity was founded in 2015 by a parent of 2 children with autism to provide early intervention for children with autism and to fundraise to support local settings to allow children with autism to access their settings to the best of their ability.

Over the duration of 2023-2024 The Ark Centre Charity raised some funds through a 3 peak challenge but has not yet re-started significant fundraising attempts due to lack of fundraisers. This has been addressed in several planning meetings with the Trustees, more of which we hope to appoint shortly, and a fundraising plan has been written for 2024-2025 which includes collaborating with a local company and making contact with a possible Charity Patron.

The Ark Centre Charity has been able to provide support for some local pre-schools to give advice on supporting their students with autism.

The Ark Centre Charity is going to continue to support local settings to enable more children with additional needs to access their services. As well as continue to fundraise with the long-term intention of opening an Early Intervention and Therapy Centre for children with autism, developmental delays, and other additional needs.

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2023 **Accounts for the year ended 13th August 2024**

£ £

Income

18.41	General Donations	1,665.00
726.98	Bank Interest	2,342.35
<u>745.39</u>		<u>4,007.35</u>

Expenditure

<u>3,336.65</u>	Donations	<u>2,350.35</u>
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<u><u>-2,591.26</u></u>	<u>Surplus/Deficit for the Year</u>	<u><u>1,657.00</u></u>
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Balance Sheet as at 13th August 2024

Current Assets

<u>172,355.68</u>	Cash at Bank	<u>174,012.68</u>
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Current Liabilities

0		0.00
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<u><u>172,355.68</u></u>		<u><u>174,012.68</u></u>
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Capital Account

174,946.94	Balance at 14th August 2023	172,355.68
-2,591.26	Surplus/Deficit for year	1,657.00

<u><u>172,355.68</u></u>		<u><u>174,012.68</u></u>
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Over the duration of 2022-2023 The Ark Centre Charity was not able to fundraise due to a long-term sickness of the chairperson and maternity leave of another trustee.

However, The Ark Centre Charity was still able to support a local setting for children with additional needs by donating specialist sensory garden equipment and a bubble tube.

The Trustees attended several meetings and have agreed to continue to support local settings to enable more children with additional needs to access their services. As well as continue to fundraise with the long-term intention of opening an Early Intervention and therapy centre for children with autism, developmental delays, and other additional needs.

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Accounts for the year ended 13th August 2023

£ £

Income

12.05	General Donations	18.41
<u>6.81</u>	Bank Interest	<u>726.98</u>
18.86		745.39

Expenditure

11,543.58	Donations	3,336.65
<u>2.98</u>	Bank Charges	

<u><u>-11,527.70</u></u>	<u>Deficit for the Year</u>	<u><u>-2,591.26</u></u>
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Balance Sheet as at 13th August 2023

Current Assets

<u>174,946.94</u>	Cash at Bank	<u>172,355.68</u>
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Current Liabilities

0		0.00
<u>174,946.94</u>		<u>172,355.68</u>

Capital Account

186,474.64	Balance at 14th August 2022	174,946.94
<u>-11,527.70</u>	Deficit for year	<u>-2,591.26</u>
<u>174,946.94</u>		<u>172,355.68</u>

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The Ark Centre Charity Annual Report August 2022

The Ark Centre Charity was founded in 2015 by a parent of 2 children with autism to provide support at the only early years setting in Essex dedicated to provide intervention for children with autism. The charity supports parents, local schools and nurseries to help the children reach their full potential across their settings.

The Ark Centre Charity as has many other charities continued to find their fund raising and support activities greatly impacted by Covid. This has been compounded by the additional challenges the pandemic has brought some of the trustees.

The Trustees have agreed to use the 2022/2023 year to re-assess the future of the charity and its future direction.

Over the 21/22 year we have continued to support children and the Ark Centre an independent Community Interest Company based in Chelmsford, in continuing its good work.

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Accounts for the year ended 13th August 2022

		£	£
<u>Income</u>			
262.92	General Donations		12.05
8.40	Bank Interest		6.81
<u>271.32</u>			<u>18.86</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
12,000.00	Training For Parents	0.00	
25,464.00	Donations	11,543.58	
0.00	Bank Charges	2.98	
<u>37,464.00</u>			<u>11,546.56</u>
<u>-37,192.68</u>	<u>Deficit for the Year</u>		<u>-11,527.70</u>

Balance Sheet as at 13th August 2021

<u>Current Assets</u>			
<u>186,474.64</u>	Cash at Bank		<u>174,946.94</u>
			174,946.94
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
0			0.00
<u>186,474.64</u>			<u>174,946.94</u>
<u>Capital Account</u>			
223,940.32	Balance at 14th August 2018		186,474.64
37,192.68	Deficit for year		11,527.70
<u>186,474.64</u>			<u>174,946.94</u>

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At the trustee meeting of the 19th Oct 2020 agreed by trustees the charities active fund raising would cease over the course of the 2020 – 2021 financial year.

Over the 20/21 year we have sponsored IPSEA to provide 150 free places for parents across Essex on their SEN law courses to enable parents to advocate for their children, these courses have now been run.

The Ark Charity also donated to The Maze, a charity based in North Essex providing support and advise to parents of children with SEND.

The Trustees agreed that the charity should close during 2021/2022 provided suitable donees could be agreed.

The Ark Centre CIO is a separate organisation to The Ark Centre Clinic CIC in Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex which will continue to operate autonomously from the charity.

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Accounts for the year ended 13th August 2021

		£	£
<u>Income</u>			
5,699.11	General Donations		262.92
1,804.48	Donations from Sponsored Runs		0.00
25,000.00	Covid Grant		0.00
464.00	Business Rate Refund		0.00
38.09	Bank Interest		8.40
<u>33,005.68</u>			<u>271.32</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
1,000.00	Training For Parents	12,000.00	
350.00	Fundraising	0.00	
0.00	Donations	25,464.00	
454.84	Other	0.00	
<u>1,804.84</u>			<u>37,464.00</u>
<u>31,200.84</u>	<u>Deficit for the Year</u>		<u>-37,192.68</u>

Balance Sheet as at 13th August 2020

<u>Current Assets</u>			
<u>223,940.32</u>	Cash at Bank		<u>186,747.64</u>
			186,747.64
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
0			0.00
<u>223,940.32</u>			<u>186,747.64</u>
<u>Capital Account</u>			
223,940.32	Balance at 14th August 2018		223,940.32
0.00	Deficit for year		37,192.68
<u>223,940.32</u>			<u>186,747.64</u>

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The Ark Centre Charity as has many other charities found their fund raising and support activities greatly impacted by covid. This has been compounded by the additional challenges the pandemic has brought some of the trustees.

Whilst outside of the time frame of this report, at the trustee meeting of the 19th Oct 2020 it was agreed by trustees the charities active fund raising would cease over the course of the 2020 – 2021 financial year. We continue to raise awareness, support parents access suitable education and provide practical advise and do so through the sponsorship of other charities who provide direct support in these areas.

Over the course of the 2019/20 financial year the charity raised £8,005.68 through donations and sponsored events. We have used £1,804.84 in providing training and materials.

Over the 20/21 year we have sponsored IPSEA to provide 150 free places for parents across Essex on their SEN law courses to enable parents to advocate for their children. Funds held will be directed to other charities with the same objectives held by the Ark Centre Charity.

The Ark Centre CIO is a separate organisation to The Ark Centre Clinic CIC in Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex which will continue to operate autonomously from the charity.

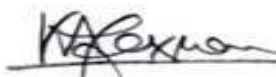
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		£	£
2019	<u>Income</u>		
22,117.28	General Donations		5,699.11
140.00	Donations from Sponsored Runs		1,804.48
13,259.73	Donations from Social Functions		0.00
0.00	Covid Grant		25,000.00
157,438.99	Donations from Sponsored Cycle Rides		0.00
440.00	Kat Marketing Quiz		0.00
0.00	Business Rate Refund		464.00
0.00	Bank Interest		38.09
<u>193,396.00</u>			<u>33,005.68</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
0.00	Training Sponsorship	1,000.00	
760.00	Fundraising	350.00	
2,700.70	Donations	0.00	
5,859.00	Social Functions	0.00	
12,655.66	Sponsored Cycle Rides	0.00	
0.00	Other	454.84	
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00	
<u>21,975.36</u>			<u>1,804.84</u>
<u>171,420.64</u>	<u>Surplus for the Year</u>		<u>31,200.84</u>

Balance Sheet as at 13th August 2019

	<u>Current Assets</u>		
<u>192,739.48</u>	Cash at Bank		<u>223,940.32</u>
			223,940.32
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
0			0.00
<u>192,739.48</u>			<u>223,940.32</u>
	<u>Capital Account</u>		
21,318.84	Balance at 14th August 2018		192,739.48
171,420.64	Surplus for year		31,200.84
<u>192,739.48</u>			<u>223,940.32</u>



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ARK CENTRE
CHARITY COMMISSION REFERENCE NUMBER 1163136

I report on the accounts of the Ark Centre for the year ended 13th August 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination and I believe that:

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

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



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