

The Ark Centre

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.

The Ark Centre
Charity Commission Reference 1163136

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

£ £

Income

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

Expenditure

<u>2,350.35</u>	Donations	<u>15,898.40</u>
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<u>1,657.00</u>	<u>Surplus for the year</u>	<u>2,472.09</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
<u>174,012.68</u>		<u>176,484.77</u>

Capital Account

172,355.68	Balance at 14th August 2024	174,012.68
1,657.00	Surplus for year	2,472.09
<u>174,012.68</u>		<u>176,484.77</u>

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Hon. Treasurer