



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1-4-22 Period start date To 31-3-23 Period end date

Charity name: KENT FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

Charity registration number: 1164174

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To protect and preserve the good health of foster carers and the children in their care in Kent by the provision of advice, information, services, facilities, and support. For the purpose of this clause, the term "foster carer" shall include lawfully registered foster carers, lawfully registered child minders and any other lawfully registered or recognised persons involved in the care of "looked after children".
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	When planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee and Executive committee meetings. This year we have been able to provide a greater number of events and activities for the carers and children and these have been well attended. The committee and trustees meet both face to face and virtually to ensure that we are complying with the constitution.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	We regularly check the guidance provided by the charity commission to ensure that we are acting in accordance with the rules.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	Our volunteers help to ensure that the events that we put on run smoothly, they also organise events in their own areas to enable the children to have activities that are relevant to their ages and interests. We are grateful for the assistance provided by the committee members, volunteers and Kent County Council staff for assisting with the organisation and implementation of events.
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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Throughout the year there have been numerous activities and events organised throughout the county and these include - Easter parties - Christmas parties - Foster carers appreciation events - Pantomime performances - Fostering conference (with guest speakers) - Fun days (which include entertainment, stalls, bouncy castles etc...) - Animal and Nature park outings - Coffee morning fundraising events There have been several other events organised throughout the county that are not included in this list but may benefit smaller groups in a more informal setting. These events and activities give the children in our care the opportunity to meet others in similar situations to themselves and form friendships. It allows carers to develop and maintain a network of people to assist in times of need and offers training and information on matters relating to the fostering journey of both carers and the children that they care for.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	For this financial year we wanted to continue to give carers and children the opportunities to meet face to face. We have used the events to help raise funds for future events and will continue to investigate income streams that will enable us to make improvements to the service year on year.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution adopted 1st January 2015 as amended 14th September 2015
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	The trustee role is voluntary, and the board of trustees comprises both carers and an independent trustee. Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting that is held each year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The charity has a board of trustees. The executive committee (which comprises members from each geographical areas) Area committees Local authority Fostering staff are invited to attend meetings of the executive and area committees
Relationship with any related parties	We work very closely with Kent County Council and organise events and activities. KCC advertise the events and activities on our behalf to the carers

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Kent Foster Care Association
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1164174
Charity's principal address	95 Bouverie Road West Folkestone Kent CT20 2LB

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The bank balance at the end of the financial period was £46441.49. We are working to raise our profile and implement more income streams that will help us to grow the organisation.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The reserves accumulated through Lockdown and these will be used throughout the coming years to ensure that we are able to provide the service that our members expect whilst increasing our profile and revenue streams.
Amount of reserves held	From the amount held in the bank account we allocate up to £5000 for each areas events costs for the coming year. We have 6 areas and this amounts to £30000. We also hold £5000 in reserve for our governance costs for the coming year. An additional £5000 was being held in reserve to update our website and online profile, this has been partly used as the website is in development.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	We have no uncertainty for the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The charity receives grants from the local authority (KCC). We also raise money through raffles and other fundraising activities in each geographical area of the county.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The risk for the charity going forward is that the Local authority not being able to issue grants to the organisation. We are keen to implement way of raising funds through external bodies and other fundraising activities to enable us to continue if we do not receive assistance from local government.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ashley Hale Brown	Chair		
2	Juliette Mcfarlane	Vice Chair	From 23 rd January 2023	
3	Jane Baker Davies		From 18 th May 2022	
4	Sue Holmes		From 8 th May 2022	
5	Louisa Wray	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional Information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Louisa Wray	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	19.01.2024	

Kent Foster Care Association



Statement of Financial Activity

For the year ended 31st March 2023

	2021/2022	2022/2023
	£	£
Incoming resources		
KCC	12200.00	6750.00
KFCA Quid a Week Appeal	200.00	196.00
KFCA Raffle	2000.00	0.00
Chairperson Charity funds	0.00	5857.02
Donations/Fundraising	1162.45	3093.20
Events income	16984.48	28423.42
Website Refund	0.00	1815.00
Interest received	0.00	41.13
Total Incoming Resources	32546.92	46175.77
Expended Resources		
Events	28339.63	49173.28
Conference/AGM	0.00	507.67
Training/Performances	1512.00	0.00
Governance Costs	467.10	917.53
Insurance/Website/App	1434.06	5164.19
Storage	948.00	630.21
PP&S	51.00	34.00
Miscellaneous	501.02	74.95
Total Expended Resources	33252.81	56501.83
Net Incoming/Expended	(705.89)	(10326.06)
Funds brought forward 21/22	56767.55	
Total Funds taking forward 22/23	46441.49	

Balances on KFCA accounts at 31st March 2023-

Main Account	16646.85
Contingency savings	5008.82
Disability Team	4777.09
East Kent 1	3784.20
East Kent 2	4205.52
North Kent	3913.85
South Kent	3334.05
West Kent	4771.11
Total	46441.49

Notes on Accounts

- Governance costs include all costs incurred in maintaining our charitable status. E.G licences, meeting room hire and travel expenses.

KFCA Financial Involvement 22/23

What a busy year it has been..... We all got very involved in putting on events for our young people this year and this shows in the amount spent.

Listed below are a few of those that were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

- The Big KFCA Summer event- hundreds of people attended.
- Panto`s were attended in different areas.
- Awards events and Celebrations took place
- Disco`s and parties were put on for the children
- Wildwood, Cinema, Ninja warriors, summer parties, Jubilee parties and many, many more parties and activities or excursions.

Fundraising 23/24

Please let us know if you have any fundraising ideas.

Louisa has set up the KFCA Facebook draw page again and this is very busy. Lots of draws taking place every week and all profits going back into KFCA.

Skills Opportunities

If you are looking for opportunities to expand your Payment for skills applications, we would welcome you onto the committee. This will give you the chance to help provide fun events for your area in addition to providing evidence for your review. Please speak to any of the committee members for more information.

Thank you

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE IS A CAP ON THE AMOUNT TO BE HELD FOR EACH AREA OF £5000 at the start of the financial year..... This will help to ensure that the funds are being used to benefit the carers and children in every area.

Area Finances

Area	Balance 31/3/23	Allocated	Available 23/24
West Kent			
	4771.11	228.89	5000.00
North Kent			
	3913.85	1000.00	4913.85
East Kent 2			
	4205.52	794.48	5000.00
South Kent			
	3334.05	1000.00	4334.05
Disability			
	4777.09	222.91	5000.00
East Kent 1			
	3784.20	1000.00	4784.20



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

KENT FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1164174

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

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Name:

JEANNE PRIME

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.