



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.4.2023 Period start date To 31.3.2024 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 childminders 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 very good number of events and activities for the carers and the children. These have been very well attended. The Trustees and committee have a combination of Face to face and online virtual meetings 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 events that we are able to put on run smoothly. They also organise events in their own areas to enable 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, advertisement and implementation of events.
---------------------------------	---

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.	We have been able to organise numerous activities and events throughout the year. Kent is a large county, and we have event committees in the following areas to enable us to provide tailored experiences. North Kent, East Kent 1, East Kent 2, South Kent, West Kent and the Disability team. Some of the events that have been put on are- Easter parties Christmas parties Halloween parties Pantomime performances Foster carer appreciation events Animal and nature park outings Fun days (these include entertainment, stalls and activities like bouncy castles or games) Christmas craft events Coffee mornings and fundraising events There have been many other events organised throughout the county that are not included in this list but may benefit smaller groups in a more informal setting, or those who have special needs. These events and activities allow 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 them in times of need and offer information on matters relating to the fostering journey of both the carers and the children that they care for.
--	--

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	We have been able to raise funds from our events and activity days in addition to the funds that we are given by Kent County Council. This has allowed us to provide more experiences for the children and families. We are continuing to investigate income streams and will enable us to make improvements to the service and activities that we offer.
---	---

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The bank balances at the end of the financial period were £40975.96. We are reviewing the income streams available to us to help us grow the organisation.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The reserves that we hold accumulated mostly during Lockdown. We are using these funds over the coming years to ensure that we are providing the services that our members expect whilst increasing our profile and revenue streams.
Amount of reserves held	From the amount held in the bank accounts we allocate up to £5000 for each areas event costs for the coming year. The total for the 6 areas amounts to £30000. We hold £5000 in reserve for governance costs for the coming year.
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 raise funds 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 of the local authority being unable to issue grants to the organisation. We are actively investigating and will pursue other ways to raise funds through external bodies and other fundraising activities to enable us to continue if we do not receive assistance from the local authority.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution adopted 1st January 2015 as amended on 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 can comprise of both Foster 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 is comprised of members from each geographical area) and area committees. Local authority 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 to organise events and activities, these are then advertised on our behalf through KCC emails and newsletters 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

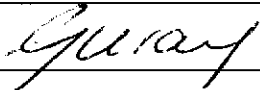
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	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	Juliet Macfarlane	Vice Chair		
3	Jane Baker Davies			
4	Sue Holmes			
5	Lousia Wray	Treasurer		

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

28.11.2024

Kent Foster Care Association



Statement of Financial Activity

For the year ended 31st March 2024

	2022/2023	2023/2024
	£	£
Incoming resources		
KCC	6750.00	13000.00
KFCA Quid a Week Appeal	196.00	192.00
KFCA Raffle	0.00	2012.00
Chairperson Charity funds	5857.02	0.00
Donations/Fundraising	3093.20	2641.09
Events income	28423.42	28790.31
Website Refund	1815.00	0.00
Interest received	41.13	329.71
Total Incoming Resources	46175.77	46965.11
Expended Resources		
Events	49173.28	48986.09
Conference/AGM	507.67	546.57
Governance Costs	917.53	495.00
Insurance/Website	5164.19	1433.58
Storage	630.21	0.00
PP&S	34.00	0.00
Zettle fees	0.00	228.99
Miscellaneous	74.95	740.41
Total Expended Resources	56501.83	52430.64
Net Incoming/Expended	(10326.06)	(5465.53)
Funds brought forward 21/22	46441.49	
Total Funds taking forward 22/23	40975.96	

Balances on KFCA accounts at 31st March 2024-

Main Account	9917.85
Contingency savings	5062.14
Disability Team	3112.32
East Kent 1	2233.57
East Kent 2	4711.77
North Kent	5447.08
South Kent	3874.00
West Kent	4795.76
Facebook Draw/Raffle	1821.47
Total	40975.96

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 23/24

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.

The new KAFC website has many events for you to book onto, please use this regularly to make sure that you don't miss out on some of the fantastic things happening throughout the county. The Password will be changed regularly, so please look out for the updates on the Sway or Newsletter.

Fundraising 23/24

Please let us know if you have any fundraising ideas.

The KAFC Facebook draw page will begin again as soon as we are able to and will raise funds for the big events for the coming years. Draws take place on a regular basis and all profits go back into KAFC.

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



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 2024

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:

Chastnor

Date:

10th January 2024

Name:

CHRISTOPHER HIND

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

Address:

5 CHESTNUT CLOSE, ASHLAND, KENT. TN23 3JT

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.

