



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.4.2024 Period start date To 31.3.2025 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". Activities - how the charity spends its money We provide support, education and social events for Kent County Council registered foster carers and their families. We support by providing a network of emotional support and we advocate for the carers. We provide education by distribution of information and the provision of training to current foster carers and for the recruitment of foster carers. We provide social activities for our members
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.
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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.	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 and West Kent. 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) Dreamland Kent Life 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.
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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.
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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 £39532.27.
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 £1000 for each areas event costs for the coming year. The amount allocated is dependent on the balance held at the end of the financial year. No are can hold more than £5000, this is to ensure that funds are used to provide activities etc. for the young people and carers. The maximum total for the 5 areas amounts to £25000. The actual amount held for the 5 areas was £18312.75. Funds are also held for disability specific events and care leaver assistance; this amounted to £4091.00. We hold £5118.61 in reserve for governance costs for the coming year.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The plans going forward are to close the charity and transfer all assets and activities to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation which we have recently established (Kent Association of Foster Carers)

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.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution
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	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) Lousia Wray

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Date 10.09.2025

Kent Foster Care Association



Statement of Financial Activity

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	2023/2024	2024/2025
	£	£
Incoming resources		
KCC	13000.00	10000.00
KFCA Quid a Week Appeal	192.00	192.00
KFCA Raffle	2012.00	5413.18
Pride Income	0.00	2869.00
Interest received	329.71	321.13
Donations	2641.09	2597.15
Events income	28790.31	29821.35
Total Incoming Resources	46965.11	51213.81
Expended Resources		
Events	48986.09	45927.66
Conference/AGM	546.57	0.00
KFCA Raffle	0.00	769.06
Governance Costs	495.00	346.90
Pride expenses	0.00	538.53
Insurance/Website	1433.58	2161.46
Zettle fees	228.99	571.72
Equipment/Advertising	0.00	2342.17
Miscellaneous	740.41	0.00
Total Expended Resources	52430.64	52657.50
Net Incoming/Expended	(5465.53)	(1443.69)
Funds brought forward 23/24	40975.96	
Total Funds taking forward 24/25	39532.27	

OR
15/9/25

Area Balances available as at 31st March 2024

Main Account	5913.35
Contingency savings	5118.61
Disability	2716.67
East 1	4716.40
East 2	1704.64
North	3966.15
West	3988.16
South	3937.40
South Care Leavers	1374.33
Facebook Draws	6096.56
TOTAL	39532.27

Notes on Accounts

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

The Area balances include funds received in for Panto`s booked.

There will be £1000 added to each Area pot when the grant has been received from KCC.

The Disability pot is to cover the costs of specific events that will enable disability carers to access at least 2 participation events each year until they have been successfully incorporated into the local areas.

Equipment/Advertising includes the Area T-shirts and Banners that were purchased for the local committees to use.

South care leavers was donated by a church for the provision of items needed for the children in South Kent that have left the care system and are living independently.

OR
15/9/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

KENT FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31 - MARCH 2025

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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

15/09/2025

Name:

JOANNE PRIME

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

N/A

(If any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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